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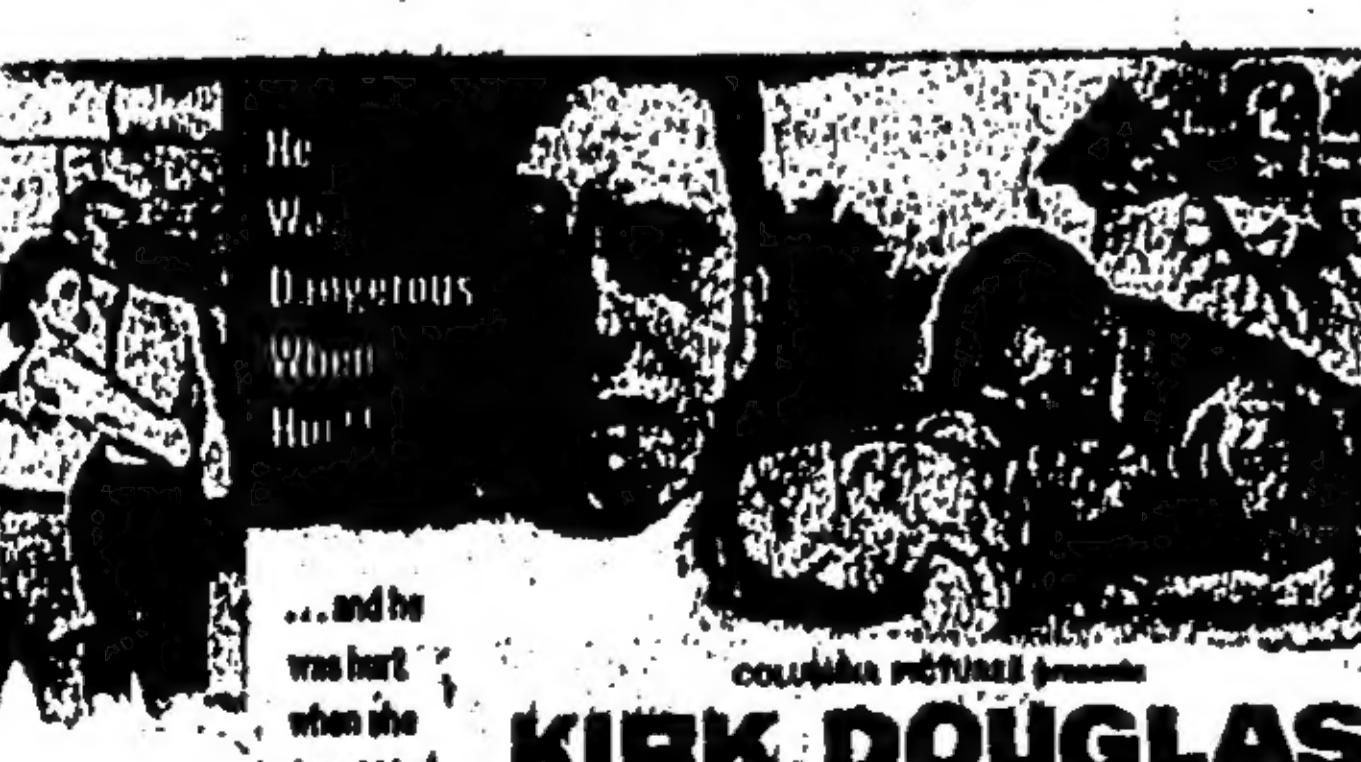
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**FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING**

By MARGARET BRUCE

On Wednesday evening a Gala Premiere was held at the LEE Theatre, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham, of the film "GENEVIEVE," in aid of Earl Haig's Fund. The band of the 1st Battalion, The King's Regt (Liverpool) appeared on the stage at the beginning of the show, by kind permission of Lt-Col A. J. Snodgrass.

I don't think that I have enjoyed a film so thoroughly since "ADORABLE CREATURES" and "THE CAPTAIN'S PARADISE." Not that the three have anything in common, except that for sheer entertainment they are practically flawless.

"GENEVIEVE" (released through the J. Arthur Rank organisation) hilariously tells, as you know by now, the story behind two of the old crooks in the Veteran Car Club's Brighton Rally. It is, in fact, a slight plot, but it goes at such a rollicking pace and with such joie de vivre that the audience is caught breathlessly in its entanglements.

Kenneth More plays a wolf in Veteran Car's clothing with amusing innuendo—and indeed who could fail to be a wolf with lovely, vivacious Kay Kendall in the passenger seat. (And Sues, the screen's most ravishing St Bernard, in another!)

How I hope we don't lose Miss Kendall to Hollywood. She is the most exciting new star I have seen for many a month. In fact I don't know another so beautiful and so glamorous who is, at the same time, prepared to make her facial expression and even appear at a disadvantage, though with great charm, should the script demand it.

MORE, PLEASE!

More and more of Miss Kendall please—but I hope not too much of John Gregson, Genevieve's drunk owner, and married, for the purpose of the play, to Blanche Sheridan in her first starring comedy role. The gain of the collection is, of course, Joyce Grenfell who makes a short appearance as the receptionist at a boarding house. Here is perfection of characterisation and comedy playing.

The film is in colour, and has quite enough action and slapstick to appeal to audiences who cannot entirely appreciate the delightful, if broad, dialogue. I hope it gets the run it deserves: I hope you grasp this opportunity for some fun. I must tear myself away, reluctantly I admit, and tell you what will follow. Joel McCrea appears in "THE LONE HAND" with Barbara Hale. This is both a Western and a study in domestic misunderstanding in which a small boy is involved. I'm sure I need say no more. The scenery is beautiful, photographed as it is in the Colorado Rockies, and I liked the dog. His name is Butch, and he loves hamburgers.

The EMPIRE, I believe I am right in saying, will join the KING'S and PRINCESS by showing "THE JUGGLER." I must admit at this week—a half-a-million-dollar story well adapted from the dramatic point of view. Kirk Douglas stars his last film before shooting his skirt for "ULYSSES."

The story is that of a school teacher who marries a handsome Dutch-American giant of the soil, who is all brown but very little brain. They have a son whom she adores and calls So Big.

When her husband dies she manages the farm he left her into prosperity. Selina de Jong then experiences all the torments of her son's emotional upsets which threaten to ruin the carefully planned career she has in mind for him. However he is saved in the end and Selina is radiantly happy with So Big.

Jane Wyman plays Selina with intelligence and subtlety, and I found Sterling Hayden for once well cast. Steve Forrest plays the So Big. He manages to

look for more like his father, Sterling Hayden, than Donald Andrews, star of "ELEPHANT WALK," whose real life brother he is. This is a good, tender film which revives the strength of Miss Wyman's performance.

COMING

Another Warner Bros film that is coming here soon is "THREE SAILORS AND A GIRL" starring Jane Powell with her new husband, the brilliant dancer Gene Nelson, and Gordon MacRae. Also "CALAMITY JANE," the dubious-but-fictional Western heroine played now by Doris Day. Co-starring is melodious Howard Keel, sallying forth with a pony six guns and a baritone, as Wild Bill Hickok.

COLUMBIA have also given me some news of their forthcoming productions. The first to be shown here will be "THE RED BERET" starring Alan Ladd and Lee Gern. Mr Ladd is also in "HELL BELOW ZERO," an adaptation of "The White South," which will be released soon, and, still in production, they have "THE BLACK KNIGHT" with Patricia Medina.

Good news for those who enjoyed "The Caine Mutiny"—it is superbly brought to the screen with Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, Van Johnson and Fred MacMurray.

"FIRE OVER AFRICA" is the latest Maureen O'Hara vehicle, whilst the Western fans (and we have 'em) "JESSE JAMES VS. THE DALTONS," not only in Technicolour, but 3D.

Alec Guinness and Joan Greenwood are joining forces for "FATHER BROWN" and it should be a formidable combination. And I personally look forward to Marlon Brando's next performance—in "WATERFRONT"—and "THE SARACEN BLADE" with Ricardo Montalban.

TO BE HOPE

I also notice Paulette Goddard and Jean Pierre Aumont publicized in "CHARGE OF THE LANCASTERS." It is to be hoped that they're not messing up the charge of the Light Brigade so soon after the publication of Cecil Woodham-Smith's wonderful book "The Reason Why."

COLUMBIA's first Cinemascope presentation is "THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE" with Betty Grable and Marge and Gower Champion, and it's nice to be able to hope that this will be shown here at the usual prices.

Tyrone Power has started making "WEST POINT," but to the best of my knowledge no one has yet been cast as "MARY MAGDALENE," a terrifying prospect from the studio that produced "SALOME".

Dr Edith Sitwell is at present at Columbia completing the script of her novel "PANFARE FOR ELIZABETH". This is the story of Ann Boleyn and her daughter, April 12 is given as the starting date, but so far no casting has been done.

It may interest readers to mention that two of the films I have mentioned today, "SALOME" and "THE RED BERET", have been selected, amongst others, to be shown on the liner Gothic while she is on her Royal Tour.

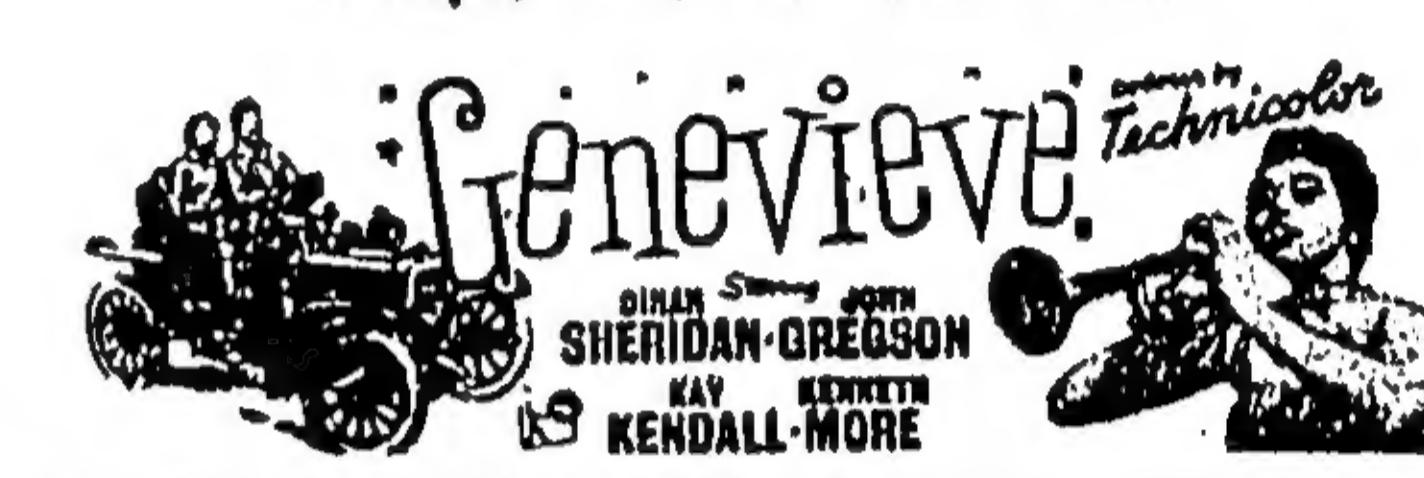
"ROMEO AND JULIET" is literally making movie history. It is a joint Anglo-Italian enterprise, and has been filmed in colour on location in and around Verona, under the direction of Renato Castellani.

The part of Juliet has been given to an unknown on an impulse, and we wait to see whether Castellani can impress his undoubted genius on to this girl, Susan Shantl.

Also in the cast are Laurence Harvey, Mervyn Johns, Flora Robson and Norman Wooland. It is interesting to note that Sir John Gielgud and Noel Coward have both remarked that it is a supremely beautiful production.

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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

Miraculous Escape

Detroit. Mrs Dorothy Peake of Detroit is alive only by some "extraordinary miracle," a power company official declared.

A 4,800 volt wire fell across her car unnoticed during a collision on the Willow Run expressway one night recently.

Mrs Peake stepped out of the car once—normally enough to kill her if her foot grounded the wire—but got back in and out again because she had forgotten her keys.

"Only the good Lord and Angels know why she wasn't killed," said James H. Smith of Detroit Edison Co.

Smith said what may have happened was that insulation created when the wire burned a few feet from the car was enough to prevent a full voltage from reaching the car.—United Press.

Forgot His Native Tongue

New York. A New York-born American citizen who left America at the age of six, returned from eight years in Russian and Hungarian prison camps, unable to speak his native tongue.

Through a fellow passenger on the American Export liner Independence, Frank Rohrbacher, Jr., 27, told reporters he wished only to forget the years behind him.

Rohrbacher, born in New York City on Christmas Day, 1925, went to Hungary with his parents on a visit when he was six years old. The family stayed on, and in December 1944, he was drafted into the German Army. He was taken prisoner by the Russians in a German Army training camp in May, 1945.

14-HOUR DAY

Rohrbacher was met at the ship by his father, Frank Rohrbacher, a retired cook, of Stamford, Connecticut, his mother and a sister, Cathie, who had returned to the United States at the end of World War II in 1945.

Rohrbacher said he had been forced to work a 14-hour day in prison camps throughout Russia, Rumania and Hungary.

"Most of our food in the majority of prison camps consisted of cabbage and potatoes," he said. "Many of the prisoners lay down and never woke up again. I think most of the deaths were due to malnutrition."

The Russians turned him over to the Hungarian Government in 1950, Rohrbacher said, but his treatment did not change. In September of 1953 he was driven to Budapest and thence to the Austrian border where he was turned over to American authorities.—United Press.

STRANGE POWER CLAIMED BY "MEDICINE MAN"

Victoria, BC. The last of British Columbia's Indian medicine men revealed the strange rites that he said enabled him to paralyse a man with the touch of his hand.

Chief Khahsahlano, 83, told how he spent 10 years alone in wild mountainous country seeking "snarhum," the "power."

He also bared the origin of the Sasquatch, a tribe of wild giants said sometime ago to be seen roaming the hidden valleys of the Rockies.

Gorilla Acts Like Human

Anacortes, Washington. The Ray B. Lowman family is looking for a home for a two-and-a-half-year-old gorilla who "probably thinks he's human."

The Lowmans hope they can place Bobo within visiting distance. But he's getting too big and tough to keep around the house.

"The neighborhood children used to play with him," Mrs. Lowman said, "but now they're afraid."

Bobo doesn't understand. He jumps up and down in front of the window as they go by, waving and beckoning for their attention.

"We want him to be happy," Mrs. Lowman said.

The Lowmans' son, Bill, brought Bobo home when he was four months old to test his theory that a gorilla could be trained to act as civilized as people.

"Bill didn't have enough time," Mrs. Lowman said. "Training Bobo properly would have taken more time and skill than I had, but we all loved him and did our best."

GETS SPANNED

Mrs. Lowman still cradles him in her arms, as she did her own son. She spansks him when he is naughty. Bobo weeps. He also wears clothes, sits at the table, eats with a spoon and obeys simple commands — when he feels like it.

He plays the piano with all fours and he's been known to pull the dishes off the table with a jerk of the cloth.

"He acts so much like a little boy, he probably thinks he's human," Mrs. Lowman said.

But he is due to weigh 500 pounds when he's grown up.

"I hope we can get Bobo in a zoo close by, because I'm sure one of us will have to stay near him until he gets used to it," Mrs. Lowman said. "I've heard that gorillas can die of broken hearts."

The Lowmans are going to move him, too.—United Press.

"Red Rain"

Lisbon. Residents of Palo Pires reported that "red rain" fell on the village during a recent storm.

A bedsheet which had been left to dry was stained crimson by the downpour, it was claimed. No explanation was advanced for the phenomenon.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

**BABY BOY A FREAK OF NATURE**

Paris. A 20-month-old baby boy is pregnant, a French doctor claimed recently.

Professor M. Lombard of Algiers told the French Academy of Medicine he has discovered a four-month-old fetus in the abdomen of the male baby. Name, condition and whereabouts of the pregnant baby were not disclosed in the Academy's announcement.

Lombard was quoted as saying an X-ray study showed the boy had an abnormally large tumour which contained a foetus 11 centimetres (five-and-a-half inches) long. About 10 examples of this type of scientific freak have been recorded in the past.

UNKNOWN INFLUENCE

Several physiologists have reported that some still-unknown influence makes certain cells of the genital zone, even male ones,urbinate, a whole series of parallel rings from the first embryonic development to the complete final stage.

Officials added, however, that the fetus could never be born and the baby itself had small chance of survival.

Lombard reported that a doctor had noticed a tumour in the left iliac (abdominal) tube of a newborn baby boy in July, 1951. Last February the infant was observed suffering violent intestinal pains, and doctors reported its tumour had grown to about the size of a melon.

The tumour could be moved by hand but showed no sign of internal motion.

X-ray treatment at Lyons, France, showed the 14-centimetre foetus inside, connected to the interior of the tumour sac by a cord.—United Press.

BUSY LIFE!

Montreal. Alfred A. Roberts, retiring South African High Commissioner to Canada, said his "unusual opportunities" of learning about Canada and Canadians included:

Attendance at 494 dinners and luncheons and 350 cocktail parties and receptions; contacts and discussions with representatives of some 40 other nations.

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Ruedesheim, Germany. German wine experts predicted the 1953 grape harvest may produce the "wine of the century."

The luscious grapes are now fermenting and bubbling in huge oaken casks in hundreds of wine cellars along the Rhine and Moselle valleys. Some of these cellars are more than 800 years old.

Expert tasters say the product now in the barrels is "exactly right" as to sugar and fruit acid content. The true worth of the 1953 wine, however, will not be known until the "racking" begins later and the golden grapes product is drawn off into bottles.

Wine export manager Ludwig Marlet said "there's no doubt 1953 is an outstanding year. But only as it matures will we know whether it equals or exceeds the famous 1921 and 1945 products."

The most famous German wine of the last century was praised in poems by Goethe and chosen by the "Iron Chancellor" Bismarck to impress Europe's statesmen at the banquet concluding the Congress of Berlin in 1878.

NOT PLENTIFUL

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BBC's Face Was Red

London. The Chairman of the dignified British Broadcasting Corporation apologized for the "grave error" of airing a poem about "The Bloody Blonds, the Often Naked."

Sir Alexander Gotoyan, Chairman on the BBC Board of Governors, sent the apology to Lord Balfour who protested the poem in the House of Lords recently.

The poem was 40-year-old George Barker's "The Confession." It was read over the BBC's "Third Programme," a nightly broadcast aimed for intelligent listeners.

Lord Balfour quoted a six-line passage from the poem which gave thanks for "mild mermaids tall and short, the blousy blondes, the bare breasted necked, and those whom I should not have thought even wifely to me."

It also mentioned the odd confessor, the top frequently bronzed, who charged his for your service.

Gotoyan wrote Lord Balfour that the programme was unfortunately not checked in time to stop it, but those responsible were less than doubtful that a grave error has been committed.—United Press.

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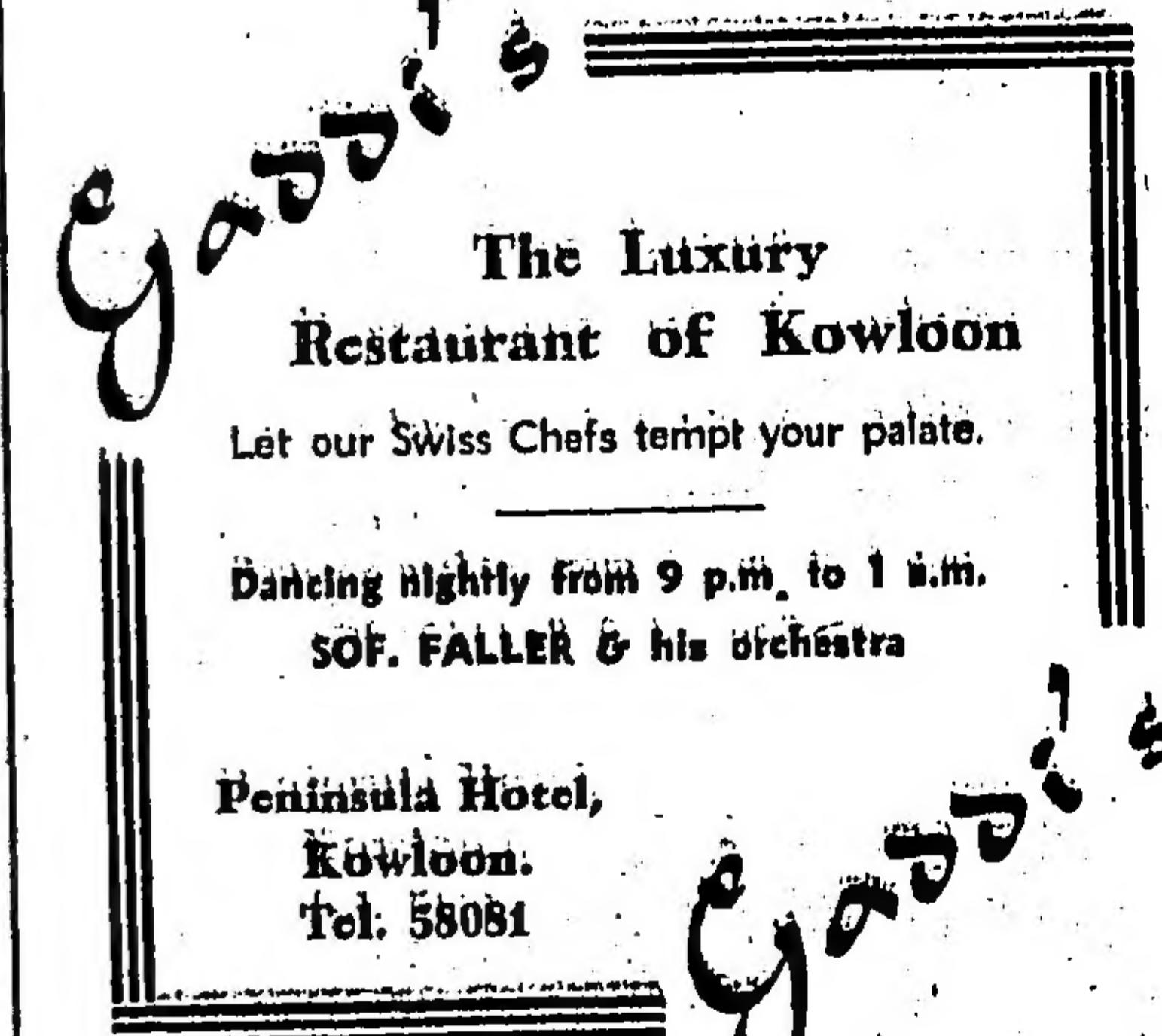
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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Prince Alexander, seen here with his father, ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia, tries his hand at being an air gunner after opening the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition at the Royal Agricultural Hall. (Express)



VISCOUNT CRANBOURNE, 37-year-old heir to the Marquess of Salisbury, is giving up his seat as Conservative MP for Bournemouth West because of ill health. He is seen with Lady Cranbourne at London Airport before departing for Livingstone, Rhodesia. (Express)



RED-HAIRED Moira Shearer, 27-year-old ballet and film star, rehearses again. She strained a tendon last March and was advised to rest. Now she expects to appear with the London Festival Ballet at Monte Carlo in February. With her is dancer John Gilpin. (Express)



MOTOR cycle speed ace Geoff Duke smiles proudly as his wife, Pat, shows him their first baby — a son. The baby weighed 8½ pounds at birth (December 31) in a Southport nursing home. (Express)



PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, daughter of the Duchess of Kent, leaves Liverpool Street Station after the journey with her mother from Sandringham, where they spent Christmas. The Princess was 17 on Christmas Day. (Express)



GEORGE ROBEY, 84, knighted in the New Year Honours, seen with his wife, Blanche Littler, in their Brighton seaside home, sits down to read the many congratulatory telegrams he received. The Prime Minister of Mirth is recovering from a slipped disc received while giving a charity show. (Express)



THREE of four English schoolgirls who reached the semi-finals of the Girls' Snooker Championship — the only competition of its kind in Britain. They are, from left, Jean Alford, 10, of Birmingham, Vanessa Sharpe, 15, of Warwick, and Pat Ayres, 13, of Whittlesey, near Peterborough. (Express)



JACK HULBERT, film Bulldog Drummond and real-life Commandant in the Special Constabulary, was working in the basement of his home in Mayfair when he heard screams. Dashing out, he saw the woman caretaker of the next door house running out crying for help. She had been attacked by two cosh boys, but Hulbert could not find them. He is seen with his actress wife, Cecily Courtneidge, as she dial 999. (Express)



SMILES in quadruplicate are brought to you by the Good quads of Nettleton, Wiltshire, going home with some of their Christmas presents. The quads are now five years old. From left: Jennifer, Frances, Elizabeth and Bridgett. (Reuterphoto)

NANCY Can't Blame Him

By Ernie Bushmiller

BLACK MAGIC
PLAIN CHOCOLATES

The Gold Sovereign Is Still Minted

By J. W. TAYLOR

THE British gold sovereign has been very much in the news lately. In two places in Yorkshire hoards of these coins were found where they had been hidden by owners long since dead. And the latest story from the Royal Mint itself is that 318,000 have been made to give young workers practice in gold coining, the supply being returned to the Bank of England to remain as part of the nation's gold reserve. This happened previously in 1949 when 138,000 were made. The last sovereigns coined for general circulation were struck as far back as 1917.

Minting of sovereigns is quite the most highly technical work undertaken by the Royal Mint. Less than 40 of the several hundred craftsmen employed there are engaged in the various processes of gold coining and only half a dozen of these are familiar with the exacting standards demanded in the production of Britain's most valuable and artistic coin. The metal behaves very differently from other alloys, and the high value of gold demands the application of special measures to ensure the safety of the material during the various stages of coining. There is even great skill in the tidying-up job of retrieving gold dust and fragments—a money-saving task.

HALF AS HEAVY

Later English sovereigns have been only half as heavy as the first ever minted. Made during the reign of Henry VII, they weighed 240 grains. They were then produced in the Tower of London until the Royal Mint was removed to its present site early last century. Henry's coins were hand-struck, and the "rounds" were lopped off cylindrical rods like slices of cucumber, with resultant variations in weight. This was rectified with the introduction of mechanical production after the Reformation. Dies were cut by hand until the latter part of the last century. Today, the dies are cut by mechanical process from artist's sketches.

The British sovereign has a considerable world value. It featured in one of the strangest items of news that came early in the Korean war. American airmen were issued with them in case they made forced landings and had to buy aid from the natives. The coin is still the most valued currency in many parts of the Orient. It is certain, too, that there are thousands of them hoarded in India, where the coins are assiduously handed down from father to son.

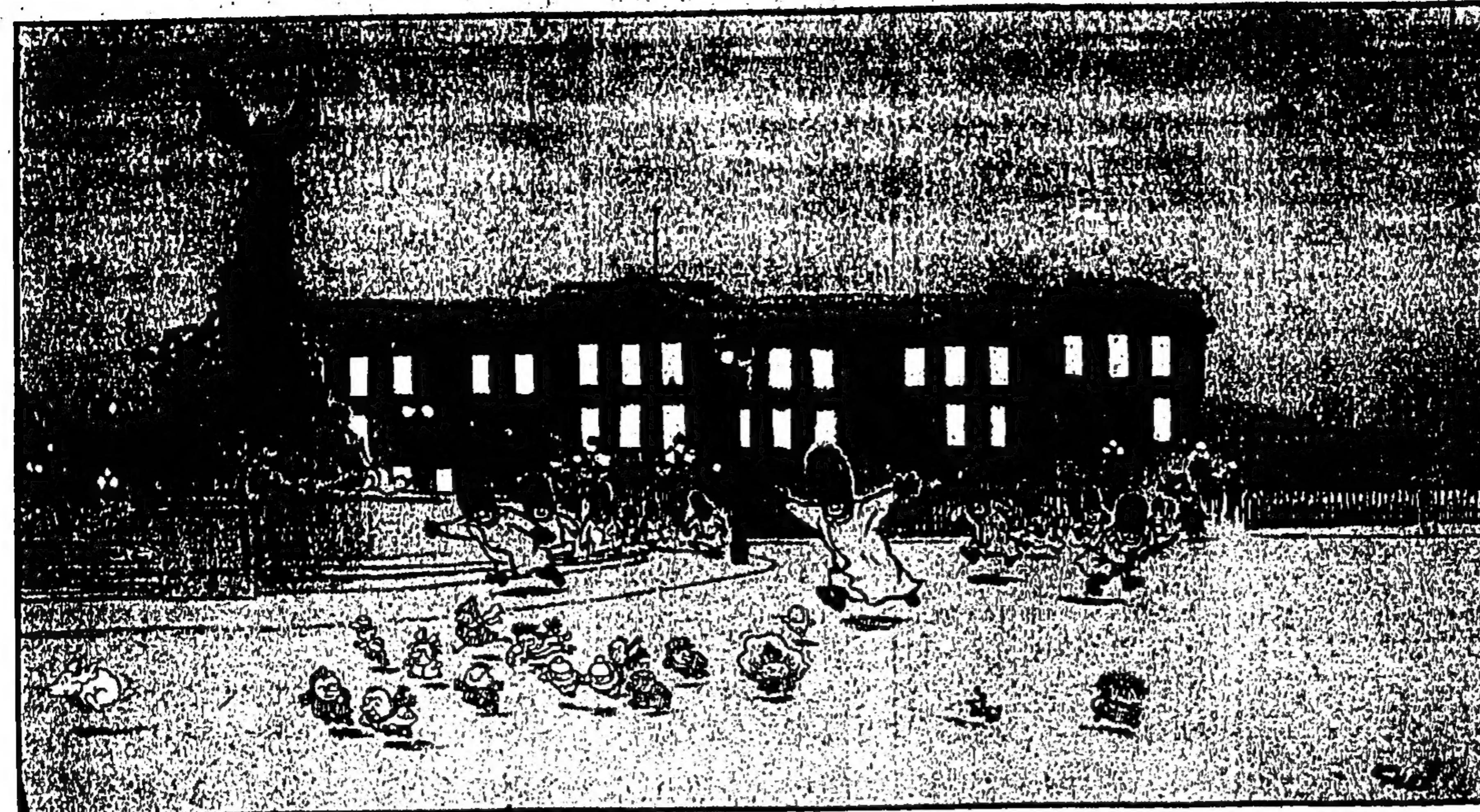
BIG HAUL

In the middle of the last war the Customs made one of its biggest hauls in sovereigns from India. Smugglers tried to get 28,000 sovereigns, cunningly stowed away in dhowas, out of Bombay. They were encased in rubber so that they could be concealed around the body in packets of fifty, but the coup failed.

Forgers in Italy were recently arrested for minting gold sovereigns in a basement in Milan. These were said to be almost perfect. The lower price of bar gold enabled the forgers to make good profits by selling the spurious coins in Middle East markets. On the Continent the sovereign market value has reached as high as £6 and £8 each.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"You and your 'Let's call at the Palace and invite him to our party while his Mum and Dad are away."

—(London Express Service)

Syracuse Becoming Another Lourdes

MIRACLES OF THE WEEPING MADONNA

By Ignacio Bartoli

Rome. WILL Syracuse become as well known as Lourdes, Loreto and Fatima? Can it take its place with these famous sanctuaries as a landmark on the Catholic map?

The fame of Syracuse and its Weeping Madonna is rapidly spreading all over the world, and miracles performed by the Weeping Madonna are reported from places as far apart as Tunis, Brussels, Barcelona and Buenos Aires.

In Syracuse itself, enormous crowds jam the square day and night where the Weeping Madonna has been placed.

The special civic committee set up to probe into the miracle has reported 72 healings, four of them abroad.

From Buenos Aires a man wrote saying that his leg was healed after being touched by an image of the Syracuse Madonna.

Could Walk

FROM Barcelona, Senora Maria Rovira Collada, sister of a doctor, reported that, after having rubbed her legs with cottonwool imbibed with the Madonna's tears, she was able to throw away the sticks she had used for 48 years.

In Tunis a paralytic woman, who visited Syracuse without result, claimed on arriving home that she could walk again.

In Brussels a boy was apparently cured of an infection on the eve of an operation—

by the application of a piece of cottonwool from Syracuse.

What has the Vatican been doing about all this?

In the beginning, the Vatican was extremely sceptical, even hostile. When the first reports reached Rome, the Archbishop of Syracuse, 72-year-old Msgr. Ettore Barazini, was summoned to the Vatican, and did not return to his flock for 15 days.

He said in an interview that some of the cures could be explained by mass hysteria.

But he added, he personally was convinced that something miraculous had actually taken place.

No Effect

THE Vatican seemed to hold a different opinion. Msgr. Barazini was ostensibly sent on a holiday to the North of Italy, and his deputy was also ordered to leave Syracuse.

These were clear indications that the Church, provisionally at least, refused to have anything to do with the Weeping Madonna of Syracuse.

Warning after warning was issued to Syracuse Catholics not to talk of miracles until the Holy Office had carried out an inquiry and announced its findings.

But the Vatican soon realised that those warnings had had no effect. Larger and larger crowds flocked to Syracuse. The government had to institute four special trains a day. Faith healings were counted by the hundred.

Obviously the Catholic followers were getting out of hand, and the Church could no longer prevent the enthusiasm or ignore the phenomenon.

Finally a compromise was reached. The Vatican would abstain from making any pronouncement, and the Sicilian bishops were authorised to deal with the matter according to their judgment of the local situation.

Bishops Meet

THE Bishops, who were delighted by the religious revival the Weeping Madonna had brought to their island, decided it was better for the Church to lead the movement rather than antagonise it, as Rome had apparently tried to do in the beginning.

The Bishops met at Bagheria on December 13 under the chairmanship of Cardinal Ruffini, Archbishop of Palermo, and at the end of the meeting they stated:

"The Bishops of Sicily have listened to a detailed report made by Msgr. Ettore Barazini, Archbishop of Syracuse, about the weeping of a Madonna bas relief which took place on August 29, 30 and 31 and September 1 of this year, and after carefully examining the facts in the original documents, have unanimously concluded that one cannot doubt the reality of the facts. They wish that this manifestation of the Holy Mother will inspire everybody to penance and to a deeper devotion for the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

A few days later the whole of Sicily was talking about the Weeping Madonna, and Antonina's house was besieged by such crowds that on September 1 the Madonna was taken out of the house and hung on the wall in the street.

As the communiqué said, it all started on August 29, 1953 in the little room of Antonina Giusti, a charwoman who was expecting a baby and was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Antonina said that when she looked up at the small, cheap terra cotta bas relief of the Madonna which hung over her bed, she saw tears trickling down from the Holy Virgin's eyes.

Antonina's screams brought dozens of excited women to the house, and the parish priest and the police. They all say they saw moisture resembling tears on the Madonna's face. A few drops were collected on a piece of cottonwool and sent to a chemist for analysis.

The analysis is reported to have revealed the presence of substances which are also to be found in human tears.

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Great Rush

THE weeping stopped as soon as the Madonna left the house. But then faith healings took place in front of the Madonna and throughout Sicily by means of the miraculous cottonwool, the supply of which seems to be inexhaustible. And the great rush to Sicily was on.

The narrow cul-de-sac in which the Madonna had been placed soon proved too small to accommodate the mass of pilgrims, and at the end of September the Archbishop decided to move her to the Piazza Euripide, the city's largest square.

The Weeping Madonna was taken in procession through the city and placed on a high pedestal in the centre of the square. Thirty thousand people attended this ceremony. Since then there have never been less than 5,000 people in the square each day.

Every day four special trains and hundreds of buses and private cars bring to the Weeping Madonna thousands of people who hope to regain their health, to ask for a favour—or just to satisfy their curiosity. Country-folk also come in the brightly-painted Sicilian carts, on donkeys and on foot.

Boom City

THE excitement and tension in the square are enormous. People kneel, pray and sing hymns, while loudspeakers urge them to move on and to make place for new pilgrim crowds.

People on stretchers are carried to the pedestal and lifted as high as possible towards the Madonna. Now and then somebody screams and a crowd surges round to see if another miracle has taken place.

When the sun sets, the Plaza becomes a brilliant sea of lights from candles, torches and burning newspapers.

A public collection has already been started in Sicily and in the rest of Italy for the building of a basilica. A well-known architect has been asked to plan it.

And Syracuse has become a boom city that seems well on the way to becoming a second

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PAKISTAN LOOKS OVER THE IRON CURTAIN

By JAMES WICKENDEN

GILGIT is a little holiday town set in the grassy Kashmir foothills of the Himalayas. About the only thing to do there is to breathe pure mountain air or buy a pair of the famous quilted cotton Gilgit boots to keep out the cold.

It seemed miles from anywhere, until a strategists apparently noticed that it is the nearest airfield to the presumed site of Russia's new plants for producing the latest most terrible bomb of all the cobalt bomb.

So, it seems likely that, under the recently announced U.S. military aid programme to Pakistan, Gilgit airfield will be modernised. And this means that the free world could easily reach the heart of Russia's arms effort.

Such is the probable significance of the talks between Pakistan and the U.S. which Nehru has so strongly criticised. It may explain why the U.S. appears willing to make Pakistan the strongest

naval power in the world by giving her 17 destroyers and four larger vessels.

This addition would increase

Pakistan's fleet by 400 percent,

although it would take time to train crews to operate the new ships.

The expected gift of large numbers of aircraft, mostly Dakotas, would provide her with a very considerable transport fleet, forging a strong link between East and West Pakistan, which lie on either side of India.

The development in Russian research was possibly in

President Eisenhower's mind

when he made his great

speech for an international control of atomic bombs.

The situation seems likely to bring Pakistan into the forefront of global strategy as perhaps a more important region to the U.S. than Spain and the new American bases there.

But if the move is to make Pakistan a front-line country, it will pose grave problems in South Asia. Pakistan would be the first country to be drawn into the U.S. sphere of influence, and this would split the "neutral" areas upheld by Nehru.

Gilgit is in Pakistani hands,

but it lies in Kashmir, the contested area between India and

Pakistan. So, a policy of

developing Gilgit as a Pakistani base could not fail to deepen the existing gulf between India and

Pakistan.

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UGANDA—THE LAND OF CONTRASTS

By Yorke Henderson

MOST of Britain's colonies hit the headlines at one time or another during 1953. Uganda was the last.

With only a few weeks of the year to go, it sprang into prominence suddenly, dramatically, when late one afternoon the world read that Britain had deposed and exiled the young native ruler, Kabaka Mutesa II of Buganda.

There was a flurry of front page stories, of inevitable colonial affairs now in the House of Commons, then, almost as suddenly as it had begun, the issue appeared to fade. Now comes a threat to the scale of welcome the Queen may expect in April when she goes to Uganda to open the great Owen Falls hydroelectric project.

Much more is going to be heard about Uganda. Let's take a look at it during the breathing space.

First, it is not a colony. It is a Protectorate, looked after and administered by Britain under the terms of a treaty signed in 1900.



As your aircraft touches down at Entebbe airport the first impression is of undulating green lushness.

It is Africa the way Hollywood likes to think of it. King Solomon's Mines could be just around the corner.

The atmosphere of contrast abounds into the everyday life of the country—Buicks and barkcloth; power schemes and pastoralism; an ancient kingship running side by side with an increasingly democratic legislature.



In time, too, they discovered that the ruler Mutesa was feared and hated for his diabolical cruelty, and their letters home spoke of the horrors he inflicted on his people for the most trivial of offences.

Uganda, however, has come a long way since the horrific days of the dreaded Mutesa and his even worse son, Mwanga. It has taken little more than half a century to earn itself the reputation of one of the most go-ahead of African territories.



The airport is one of the most modern in Africa and, significantly, was equipped to handle long-range jets, while Nairobi, the senior city of the three East African territories, was still just managing to cope with the bigger piston-engined machines.

The town of Entebbe, itself, looks what it is—a town-planner's creation. It houses the Protectorate's administrative headquarters, and it has the indefinable, unified-in, unloved air of all administrative centres.

Twenty miles away, over one of East Africa's best turnpike roads, lies the traditional capital, Kampala. Car-owners who live in this area make it a point of honour to cover those twenty miles in twenty minutes—some going in any case!

This is the heart of the Buganda country, the ancient realm of the Kabakas which gives its name to the Protectorate as a whole. Although it represents only one of the four Provinces within the Protec-

tive, it is far and away the most important, and whatever Kabaka is in power has high precedent as a hereditary ruler in direct treaty relationship with Britain.

When the first explorers and missionaries reached the Kabaka's realm in the last century, they were astounded. Trudging northwards through Kenya they had become used to the primitive and the savage.

But here, by the green shores of the great inland sea, they found a highly-organised society, centred around royal

In the west, near the Congo, live the men of the Batu. Their fine features and curious ridge hair-style remind you irresistibly of the figures on ancient Egyptian tombs—and some say these lofty aristocrats originally did sweep down from Egypt.

They are famed by their high-jumping, their graceful dancing, significantly unlike the usual shuffling or loping of Equatorial tribesmen, and, above all, their loathing of any form of manual work.

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FROM BANK CLERK TO MAN OF MILLIONS

PRINCE LOUIS and Sir Ernest Cassel were born within two years of each other. But there any comparison ends.

Prince Louis, the Serene Highness, on Christian name terms from his youth with half the royalty of Europe, belonged to the exclusive little world of European monarchy in the days of its decline.

Sir Ernest Cassel, the son of a modest Jewish banker-moneylender in the town of Cologne, represented a new world.

His life, in the maternal sense, is one of the most extraordinary success stories of his or any other day.

The world of Prince Louis and Sir Ernest were to come together when both were dead and the son of one married the granddaughter of the other.

Therefore Sir Ernest Cassel, the self-made millionaire, plays an important part in the story of the Mountbattens. His money, his background, has influenced their way of life.

Clothes and a violin

HE was born on March 3, 1862, in Cologne the youngest child of Jakob Cassel. His father was a money-lender and private banker in a small way of business.

With adolescence Ernest soon developed a wish to escape from the confining provincialism of Cologne, and at the age of 10 arrived in Liverpool as an immigrant, with a bag of clothes and his violin.

He joined the Liverpool firm of Bleisig, Braun and Co., grain merchants, as a clerk, and the fragmentary records of these early years suggest that his initial salary was 15s. a week. This, in the days of his success, he was to deny, "I never got less than two pounds a week. I was not so cheap as all that," he remarked.

Two years later he had become a clerk in the Anglo-Egyptian Bank in Paris, but the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 compelled him to leave. Shortly after this it came to his notice that Mr. Louis Bischoffsheim, the senior partner in the Jewish financial house of Bischoffsheim and Goldschmidt in London, was looking for a confidential clerk.

The firm received hundreds of applications, most of them in the flowery and self-adulatory phraseology of those days. But one of them was three lines long and read:

"Dear Sir—I apply for the position in your office and refer you to my former clerks, Messrs. Elzbacher, Cologne. Yours sincerely, Ernest Cassel."

First rung of success

CASSEL'S clear, trenchant and uncluttered mind had hoisted him on the first rung of the ladder of success. He was offered the post and brought to it the astonishing qualities of firm judgment, strong will and unerring flair which were to be his constant stand-bys.

He rose with astonishing rapidity. Within a year of starting—with a salary of £200—he was made a manager, and there is a story that when Bischoffsheim offered him a salary of £500 a year Cassel quickly replied: "You mean £5,000" and £5,000 it was.

Alone, still young, and rapidly developing the acquisitive fury which was to sustain the amassing of his huge fortune, Ernest Cassel devoted himself single-mindedly to the affairs of Bischoffsheim and Goldschmidt. And to the personal contacts and individual enterprises which were to make him one of the outstanding figures of the international financial world.

At the age of 32 he took an office at No. 21 Old Broad Street, where a small place bore the name painted in white "E. Cassel, First Floor." This remained his only shop window until long after he became a multi-millionaire.

The small international fraternity of which he became perhaps the leading member were all men with backgrounds similar to his own, people whom he approached in the course of his extensive travels.

A runaway Royal romance between a German Prince and a Commoner saw the start of the Mountbatten family. Of that romance a son was born, Prince Louis of Battenberg. He became First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, was sneered at as a German when the 1914-18 war came, and resigned, later changing his name to Mountbatten. He had a son, Lord Louis Mountbatten. Into the story of the Fabulous Mountbattens now comes a different figure, Sir Ernest Cassel, the German-born self-made multi-millionaire.



Lady Louis, aged 9, with her grandfather.

Ties of race and interest bound these men together. The web of their communications quivered at the slightest touch and they kept between them an incredibly accurate network of economic, political and financial intelligence at the highest level.

They could withdraw support here, provide additional funds there, move immense sums of money, with lightning rapidity and secrecy from one corner to another of their financial empires and influence the political decisions of a score of countries.

Still building

BUT the real flowering of Cassel's financial genius still lay in the future. Hard as he worked, the stately gates of great riches were not yet open to him.

He was still building up a handsome competence for those days, when, in 1877, he met Annette, daughter of Robert-Thompson Maxwell, of Croft House, Croft, Darlington. They were married the next year, and Cassel marked his wedding day by becoming a naturalised British subject.

In 1879 they had a daughter, Maud. Something in this fresh, young Englishwoman released Cassel from all the pent-up emotion repressed under the forbidding exterior of a man, still in the middle twenties, already hardened by a dozen years of fanatically hard work in an age when there were no privileges without birth.

He was absolutely devoted to his wife and daughter, and this softening of his edges might have resulted in his unrecorded incorporation in the ranks of the rising and prosperous middle class had not calamity intervened.

Three years after their marriage his wife died of consumption. At that time his fortune stood at the respectable figure of £150,000, little more than a hundredth part of the total sum he was to acquire over the next 40 years.

With grim concentration he set out to acquire for his daughter the only substitute within his means for the care and affection there was now no mother to lavish on her.

Rich man's pleasure

AT first the Midas touch still eluded him. But the pattern of his far-sighted and comprehensive manoeuvres soon came to be appreciated by his rivals in the City of London and by his contacts abroad.

He gradually extended his operations, and, in 1890, rendered considerable assistance to the Bank of England when the finances of the Argentine collapsed.

By this time he had made his first million, and, as his interests expanded, his income increased by geometrical progression.

For some time he had been living in a handsome residence at 48, Grosvenor Square, to

THE FABULOUS MOUNTBATTENS

singular contrast to the urbane wits with whom the heir apparent was surrounded.

But the Prince did not suffer fools gladly, and Cassel was no fool.

Above all, the future Edward VII had a special predilection for Jews. He liked their international outlook, appreciated their ability and made use of their contacts. He was also far from averse to enjoying the hospitality of extremely rich men.

King's friends

HIS own finances were often in a precarious state, and it suited him to get sound advice combined with such lavish entertainment.

His inner circle of friends included three of the Sassoon brothers and Sir Felix Semon, who became the King's confidential physician. Their influence at Court became increasingly submerged in pressing affairs of State.

It would be an exaggeration to pretend that Cassel influenced affairs of State to any noticeable degree.

Started the 'Tube'

HE had only one major session in foreign affairs, and in this he allowed emotion to outweigh his judgment.

He maintained a strong affection for the country he had left so young, and took the initiative on various occasions to strengthen the ties between Great Britain and Germany.

Again he can hardly be said to have influenced his Prince and King, who was, by birth, almost as German as Cassel himself, and who betrayed, if only in his guttural "r's", the influence in his speech which, with Cassel, remained strong to the end of his days.

Cassel's contacts with Albert Ballin and other influential Germans, his sedulous lobbying of anyone likely to assist in halting the rising tension between the two countries, were of little account when compared with the mounting antipathy engendered in King Edward by the maniacal tactlessness of his nephew, the Kaiser.

With his new position at Court giving fresh impetus to the scope and magnitude of his enterprises, Cassel entered into the dozen truly expansive years of his career.

It became marked by social splendour and munificence.

His art collection grew, his horizons reached the point of hiring whole Nile flotillas and ocean liners to accommodate his guests, and his charitable bequests reached astronomic proportions.

This was the way a rich man was expected to behave, and in conforming he sought to outdo his contemporaries. His was first generation wealth. Its accumulation allowed no time for the development of interest in the arts nor of a true sense of the obligations of wealth. His declining years were to show how barren can be the possession of several million pounds.

Did he pay debts?

CASSEL, dark, stocky, with a slightly furtive air, was a puritan.

Blunt, direct in his speech, contemptuous of small talk, but with a gift of brusque repartee he must have provided a



A millionaire in the making—and a new toy, the motor-car.

Towards the end of the century he turned to the country of his adoption for his two newest enterprises. One was in railways, being his stand-by, and the other in the developing and rewarding field of armament.

He was the moving spirit in the formation of the Electric Traction Company and in the Central London Railway which constructed the original "Two-penny Tube."

In 1897, after acquiring a majority interest in the Barrow Naval and Shipbuilding Construction Company, he amalgamated it with Vickers Sons and Company, acquiring for the new combine the Maxim Gun and Nordenfelt Companies, pioneers in the construction of the automatic weapons which were revolutionising land warfare at the time.

And now a Knight

HE took a leading part for many years to come in underwriting the financial issues of the growing and expanding Vickery complex.

To crown his growing wealth and position the Prince of Wales was able to persuade Queen Victoria to raise him to the dignity of Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George. He became Sir Ernest Cassel.

And the beginning of the year 1901 saw the death of Queen Victoria and the accession to the Throne of Edward VII. Cassel's ardent was not now heir apparent, but King Emperor.

In that same year came the wedding which was to have an influence on the Throne of today.

Cassel's daughter Maud married. Her husband was Wilfred Ashley, a grandson of the Earl of Shaftesbury.

A daughter of that marriage was Edwina, later to marry Lord Louis Mountbatten, the son of Prince Louis of Battenberg. And it was to Edwina that Sir Ernest left a large part of his millions.

NEXT SATURDAY—the rich Sir Ernest dies a lonely old man . . . his granddaughter meets Lord Louis Mountbatten . . . aristocracy and great wealth combine in marriage . . . the stage is set for the "playboy" days of Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten . . . another Prince of Wales, later to be Edward VIII, comes into the story.

Cassel's contacts with Albert Ballin and other influential Germans, his sedulous lobbying of anyone likely to assist in halting the rising tension between the two countries, were of little account when compared with the mounting antipathy engendered in King Edward by the maniacal tactlessness of his nephew, the Kaiser.

With his new position at Court giving fresh impetus to the scope and magnitude of his enterprises, Cassel entered into the dozen truly expansive years of his career.

It became marked by social splendour and munificence.

His art collection grew, his horizons reached the point of hiring whole Nile flotillas and ocean liners to accommodate his guests, and his charitable bequests reached astronomic proportions.

This was the way a rich man was expected to behave, and in conforming he sought to outdo his contemporaries. His was first generation wealth. Its accumulation allowed no time for the development of interest in the arts nor of a true sense of the obligations of wealth. His declining years were to show how barren can be the possession of several million pounds.

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Cotton, the Glamour Fabric for All Occasions

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

THREE are hints that cotton will be first choice for Ascot this year. London designers are using it for formal outfits more than ever before.

The smart fitted coat, usually monogram, is made in cotton this year. There is, for instance, a pin-striped coat in a new cotton called marcella which is thick enough to give the necessary body for tailoring.

The coat and matching dress outfit, usually of printed silk, is likewise in cotton. Burrockes make one in black and white zebra print and black cotton velvet. The dress, sleeveless with a draped bodice, is in the print; the coat, short-sleeved and cut in the duster style, is in the black velvet and lined to match the dress.

No program or silk for the new town outfit, but striped radi-cloth, white pique printed with gingham-size black dots, or checked cotton that looks like an authentic sacking.

Not silks or satins for party dresses, but gold printed poplin, soft as woven as silk, or poplin scattered with yellow poppies.

There are signs that British beach wear will be the brightest ever. Striped beach outfit, a patterned cotton for bathrobes, and the harlequin outfit—yellow and red, for example—are bright enough to satisfy anyone's craving for colour. Dresses are in cotton printed with black saddle stitching, or white poplin with a pattern of top-drawn roses.

Fascinating design for the new fitting finger-tip jackets is one called "Beach Cartoon." Typical beach characters are etched in black or white pique.

Though the British summer is still months away, cottons are already in the shops. Women are buying them now while there's still a good choice. But they are not putting them into cold storage until summer comes. For from it, some who have bought finger-tip beach jackets use them now as a party accessory. They look decorative.



COTTON for day. A slim-fitting dress in pique. It is made in a range of colours, including stone, yellow, jade and beige, and its pockets are outlined in black saddle stitching.

THE QUEEN'S BEAUTY EXPERT ON YET ANOTHER MISSION

THE beauty expert has to be prepared to do several jobs these days. Advising royalty and the leading ladies of the land, lecturing, broadcasting or making whirlwind trips to the other side of the world—all in the day's work.

Mrs Thelma Holland is one who knows quite a lot about it. She is the charming, attractive expert who advised the Queen, and many others in the Abbey, on make-up for the Coronation.

London. She also prepared the cosmetics which the Queen took with her for the Tour.

Last week Mrs Holland flew to Australia on yet another mission. Arriving there just before the Royal Tour begins, she will advise Australian women how to "transform beach complexions into drawing room complexions." For they will have just returned, sun-tanned, from their summer holidays and will want advice on suitable cosmetics for the royal garden parties, state balls and such events as Canberra's state opening of Parliament.

TWO MAIN POINTS

There are two main points which she'll stress: The first is that cosmetics should blend with dress colours. To go with the fashionable pastel shades, white and subtle tones of blue she advises rose red lipsticks, bright, but not deep, in colour.

Whenever she comes across an item in the newspapers or magazines that she thinks would be of interest to anyone she knows, she clips it out and mails it to that person. This started out as a very small venture just for the family.

Her Mailing List

One of her nieces, for example, was majoring in biology at the university. My godmother sent her all clippings that had to do with new discoveries in the field of biology. She sends me anything she sees on the personnel and vocational fields—and saves me many, many hours of reading per week. Another member of the family gets recipes of foreign origin, since she is starting a collection of exotic dishes. A son gets news in his field of electronics.

Little by little, friends have asked to be put on her mailing list. Reading the papers is no longer a lonely and unproductive process because from it she gets a deep feeling of helping others and participating in their lives. We value her deeply, and need her contribution.

Every day she sits at the card table, with envelopes before her on which are the names of each of her many "subscribers." She keeps regular office hours, and her daily incoming mail is almost as large as movie star's.

Perhaps if the mother of the letter would try this kind of hobby, she might turn her reading into a rich source of satisfaction.

A Satisfying Hobby For Grandmother

Anne Heywood

SO MANY older women have financial problems to solve that we sometimes forget the many older people who, though financially secure, have tremendous psychological problems.

The woman in her sixties, seventies, or eighties, who has raised a big family and worked hard at it all her life, frequently finds herself with sufficient funds to live on decently, but with very few interests. Many of her friends have passed away, and, particularly if her mind remains keen, she has a difficult job making for herself an active and interesting life.

Mother of Seventy-Eight

For example, take the mother of Mrs L. F.

"My mother," Mrs L. F. writes, "is seventy-eight years old, very 'chipper' and wide awake. She has an apartment in the same building in which my husband and I live, but although we and the other five children in the family visit her often, her life is pretty empty."

"She can't go out very much, because walking is difficult for her, but her eyesight is still very good, and she reads all the time. She covers all the daily newspapers, many of the leading magazines and all kinds of books. I think, though, that she makes contacts with people and feels that she is in an ivory tower. It's just pathetic the way she waits for the mail, which is often so disappointing small."

"What can you suggest that might give her a feeling of participation in the world?"

And she should know. She is an Australian herself, born in Melbourne. Though she has been working in London since 1934, she has kept in touch with Australia. She has made frequent visits home, several of them on behalf of the firm. As she says herself, she knows Australia inside out.

But she will not only be giving individual advice. As on previous tours, she will lecture and broadcast.

Her wardrobe had to be thoughtfully planned. She was limited to a small one, for she travels by air. And, as the trip lasts three months, she has to give the illusion of as many outfits as possible.

BRIGHT COLOURS

She has chosen three basic colours—black, white and primrose—so that all her clothes are interchangeable.

But she likes bright splashes of colour, too, and she has one or two outfits and several accessories in mauve. There is, for instance, a draped evening dress in heliotrope chiffon, lighter than the skin, so that when sun tan fades, the foundation can be adjusted to suit it. (A cream foundation is too greasy for the heat.)

Cosmetics, like the fashions, have travelled far in the half century since the foundation of the firm for which Mrs Holland works. And so has the attitude to cosmetics. Way back in 1890 it was not considered proper to use anything on the skin but soap and water. Now it's as unfashionable to neglect the complexion as to wear a feather boa, and the firm which pioneered skin-care and beauty treatments has an expert to advise the Queen.

TRY RHYTHM-SLIMMING TECHNIQUE, AND YOU'LL LOOK "SMOOTH"!

By IDA JEAN KAIN

TUNE in, teen-agers, on our rhythm slimming session and you can have a honey of a figure before your next birthday rolls around...

Rhythm brings a lift, mentally and physically. Aim to have fun with your shape-ups and you'll be far and away more streamlined. In rhythm slimming the movements flow from one into the other, and this helps you to get the pattern of moving all in a piece instead of with this in, everyday movements and you'll look "smooth."

Turn on a tune with a gay rhythm, and sit the exercises movement to the rhythm of the music. First aim to pull out those annoying waist-to-waist, bongo-bongo—circle—stomach arms inward, up and around, centring the up-pull, across the

top of hipbones to the wishbone. Without breaking the flow, circle with the other arm, across, up and around.

For a neat-sweat waist, circle at that line. No woman of any age wants her waist a bulky bundle. So... arch arms overhand, centring the upstroke through the middle measurement, pulling waist away from hips and ribs away from waist... keeping shoulders relaxed and easy. Use a waist as a pivot, bend sideways, circle around frontwards to the other side and up... bend to the opposite side, circle again.

Better skip the back bends. Turn on a tune with a gay rhythm, and sit the exercises movement to the rhythm of the music. First aim to pull out those annoying waist-to-waist, bongo-bongo—circle—stomach arms inward, up and around, centring the up-pull, across the

Addenda, Appendix and Supplement.

A court case ensued when a young American mother tried to christen her twin daughters Kate and Duplicate. The clergyman refused to perform the ceremony, so the mother sued him, Alphonse Durand, a French music teacher, decided that his offspring should be named to advertise his profession. He had eight children and named them Doh, Ray, Me, Fah, Soh, Lah, Te and Octave.

CHRISTENED "5/8"

Even numbers have been used as christian names. Mr Smith of Georgia, U.S.A., decided that his son should at least be a little different from the rest of the 1,500,000 Smiths in the United States. He christened the boy "5/8," pronounced "Five-eights."

More unusual still is the christian name of Maxxi Lucques, of Toulouse. Reading No. XXVI, it indicated that he was the 20th son in the Lucques family. Another French family with the curious surname of "1792," named their four sons, January, February, March and April.

FROM "A" TO "Z"

The world record for the greatest number of names must surely go to the baby daughter born in 1882 to an English family by the name of Pepper. The overjoyed father gave the child a name for every letter in the alphabet. They were: Anna Bertha Cecilia Diana Emily Fanny Gertrude Hypatia Inez Jane Kate Louise Maude Nora Phelia Quince Rebecca Starkey Terese Ulysses Venus Winifred Xenophon Yetty Zeno.

Perhaps the wisest parents were those of Dr Gatewood of Chicago, U.S.A. They decided that their child should choose a name for himself when he was old enough. Unfortunately Dr Gatewood never found one to his liking and he was still nameless when he died in 1939.

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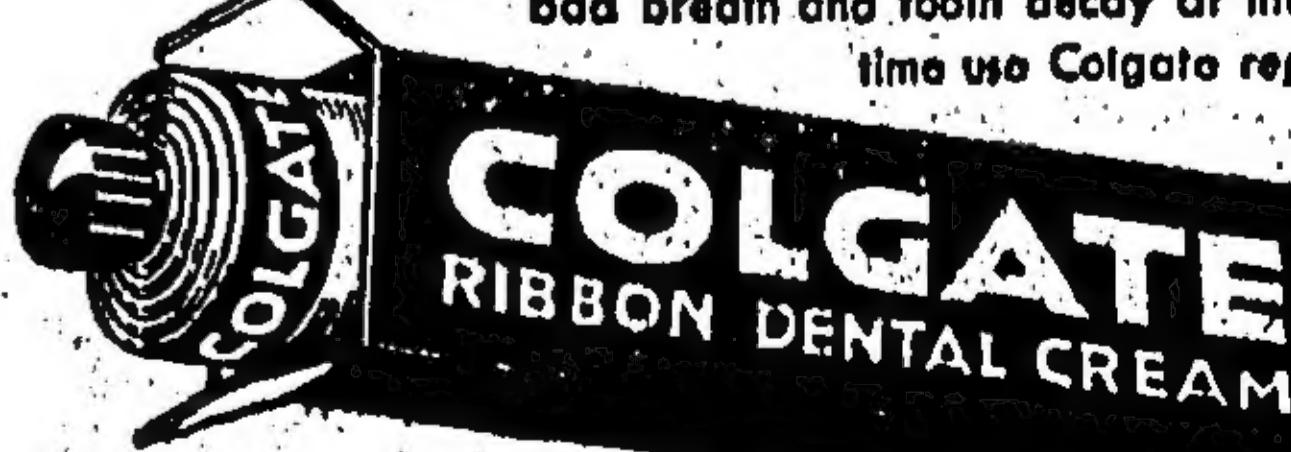
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MEMBERS of St George's Society and guests join in a traditional English folk dance at the annual St George's Ball, held at the Peninsula Hotel. Right: Beefeaters line the stairs as the official party goes down to supper. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs P. G. Williams and friends are photographed outside St John's Cathedral after the christening of their son, Adam Charles Newmarch Williams.



A cocktail party was held in the Officers' Mess, Volunteer Centre, in honour of Major A. N. Braude, after he had received from His Excellency the Governor the insignia of MBE (Military). Major Braude is third from left. (Mayfair)



LEFT: Mr Gaspar Baptista and Miss Elfrida Oxoio at their wedding reception last Monday. (Willie's)

BELOW: His Excellency the Governor looks over a display at the Traffic Exhibition sponsored by the Hongkong Police Traffic Department and held at the Grantham Training College. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the wedding of Capt. Stanley Hetherington and Miss Pat Martin at the Stanley Garrison Church last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

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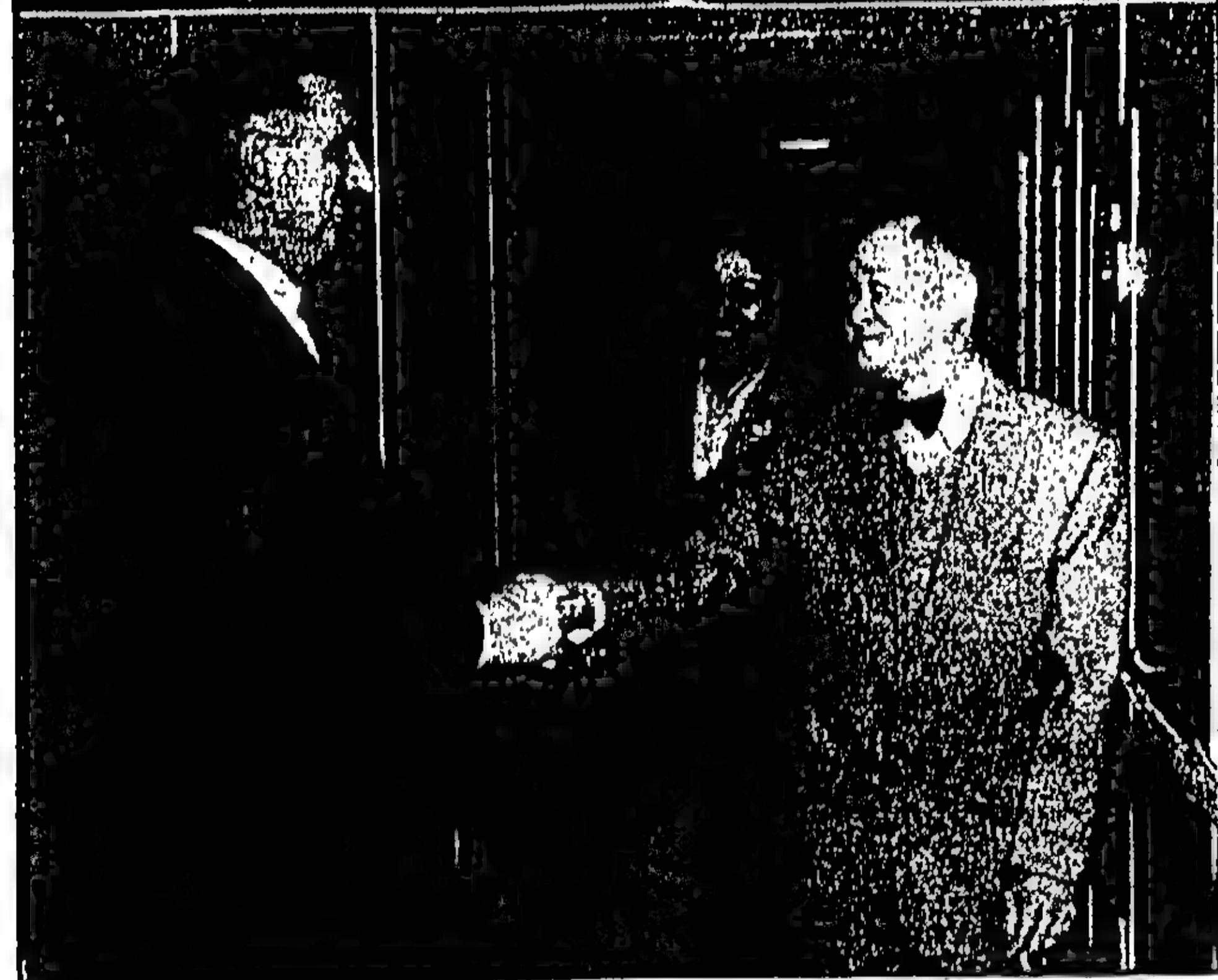
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FAREWELLS when the President Cleveland sailed on Tuesday. In top picture are Col. and Mrs Edward M. Blight and friends who saw them off. Col. Blight, until recently U.S. Army Liaison Officer here, has been transferred to Chicago. In lower picture, Dr and Mrs Ernest To are saying farewell to Mr H. T. Peters, Canadian Government Immigration Officer in Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, watched the feeding and other arrangements to take care of the Shamshui Po fire victims when he paid a visit to Kowloon last week. Army personnel helped in the distribution of food. In picture above, the Governor meets Mr Wong Pak-kun, Chairman, and other members of the Shamshui Po Kaifong Association. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP outside St Andrew's Church after the christening of Lionel George, infant son of Captain and Mrs H. E. Bolland. (Mainland)



SNAPSHOT taken at the variety show given at the Missions to Seamen on Tuesday, when Mr Robert Lord (in white shirt) gave a very convincing display of his skill in hypnotism. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Maurice Clare, the famous violinist, playing over Radio Hongkong on Wednesday evening. The accompanist is Mrs Moya Rea. (Staff Photographer)



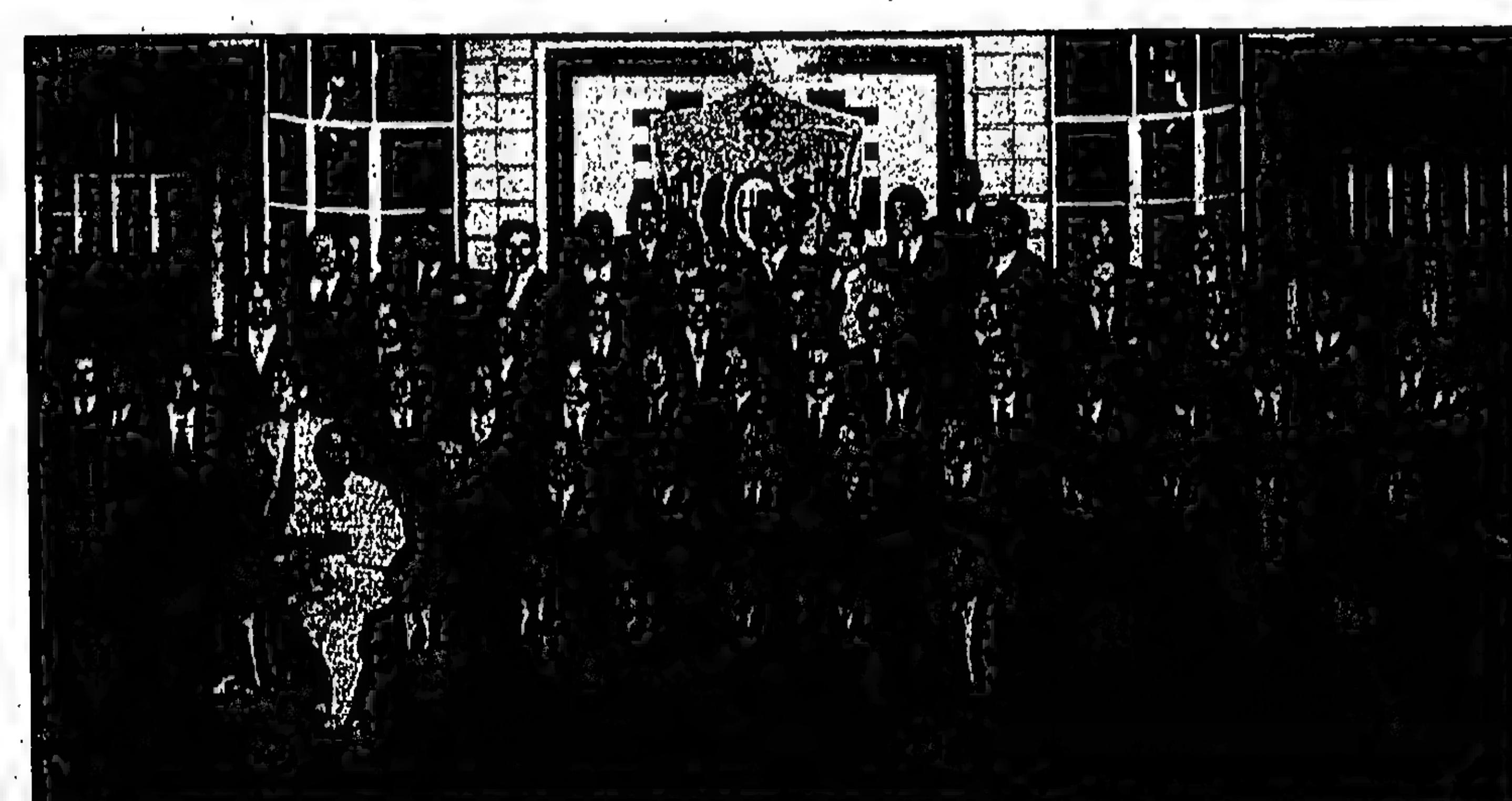
LTCOL. S. L. A. Carter, CO of the Hongkong Regiment, drawing a prize at the dance in aid of the Shamshui Po fire victims' fund sponsored jointly by the Women's Royal Army Corps and the Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. (Staff Photographer)



THE infant son of Mr and Mrs G. Grookdale, Graham Richard Jonathan, was baptised at St Andrew's Church on January 6. The baby's father was baptised in the same church on the same date in 1924.

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GROUP photo taken at the dinner party given at the Kam Ling Restaurant on Thursday evening by the Home Guard, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, in honour of Major J. C. M. Grenham, who has just relinquished command of the unit. Major Grenham is seated sixth from right in the second row. (Staff Photographer)

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DEMOCRACY THE KEYNOTE OF A SUCCESSFUL MODERN FAMILY

W. W. BAUER, M. D.

WE have come a long way from the days when "children should be many and their voices but not heard" to the era of the "child-centred" home and school. And we have come part of the way back toward a sensible middle ground.

Since ancient days, the family has been an authoritarian unit, with the father as the law and the mother as the enforcer of discipline and authority. It was seen and not heard much, for the child, and often for the mother as well, to obey without question the will of the father. How woman has moved from earliest times, circumscribed this authority by another born not there. The child could not do anything but submit, or rebel. For the most part, he was in no position to do the latter. He was not big enough, strong enough, rich enough, or courageous enough. Only when he reached adolescence did he begin to assert his rights.

Misinterpreted

The gradual emancipation of woman from the control of her husband was followed inevitably by the growth of a feeling that a child, too, is a personality, and should have a place in the family, a place of dignity, consideration and participation within his capacity. There was nothing wrong when he reached adolescence with this concept, either

But it was frequently misinterpreted and more often than not carried too far. Perhaps it had to be, in order to achieve its purpose. We are now seeing the reaction against the reaction.

Beginning in the early 1920's, there grew and flourished an idea directly contrary to the iron-but-not-harsh theory. It was, in effect, that children should be seen and heard at all times without effective restraint, whether adults ever got a hearing or not. The slogan was "self-expression," based on the idea that a child has and needs a personality with a right to grow and develop, which was said enough, except that in practice it often lacked proper controls. The basic fact is that a child is incapable of taking complete full responsibility for himself when he reaches maturity and experience are too frequently overlooked. Making the child the "big wheel" in the home and the teacher did succeed in merely freeing him from unwholesome inhibitions. It made him an obnoxious little tyrant—a spoiled brat through a fault of his own. He was simply playing with a fire which he did not understand and could not manage.

More Sensible

Now we are beginning to be more sensible. We recognise the home as a family unit composed of individuals, all of whom at any age are personalities worthy of respect, but obliged also to respect each other. Modern parents no longer endeavour to rule by force, but neither do they abdicate their authority and responsibility. They exercise both by developing co-operation. This is established on a much sounder basis of family affection, and one which persists into adult life, unmarred by memory of petty tyrannies which caused, perhaps, when the children grew too old and too big to be controlled by compulsion.

As the child grows and develops, he should have choices, and learn how to use them wisely. If he chooses, for example, to spend all his weekly allowance the first day, he must learn that the result will be a long week without money. He must learn that if he expects the other members of his family to respect his ownership of toys, clothing and the like, he must do likewise with them. He must learn that he cannot be rude and selfish and expect courtesy and friendliness in return. He must have a part in deciding what he should wear, where the family vacation is to go, and how, and he must help to decide that he cannot have a new bicycle this year because other family needs are more important. The modern family, if successful, is no longer an autocracy—it is a democracy.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To save their food value, cut dried carrots just before freezing.

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YEAR OF COLOUR & VARIETY IN DECORATION

LONDON.

THE New Year is the time when women start planning changes in the home. It's the time they window-shop and browse around the household departments in the stores to find out what's new in fabrics, wallpaper and furniture.

And they've already discovered that this will be a year of colour and variety in decoration.

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Here are several new ideas.

One is to have red ceilings. This revives an eighteenth-century fancy, and if yours is an old-fashioned house with tall rooms, a coloured ceiling will certainly make it look cosier.

Another idea is to switch the normal colour arrangement in the bedroom and have light furniture with dark walls. One new bedroom scheme features white-painted wood furniture against red wallpaper. This gives a small room a light and airy feeling.

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New wallpapers can also introduce variety. If you want to give your kitchen or dining room a hint of the country cottage, you can buy wallpaper which looks just like whitewashed bricks. If you want your kitchen to look like a Soho delicatessen shop, you paper it with the new "culinary paper". This is colourfully printed with succulent salamis and lobsters.

The new arm chairs for the living rooms are wedge-shaped. These mean that they can be fitted together to form a semi-circular settee for television or fireside.

If you choose tartan for your chair covers please don't put them, as one designer suggested, in a room with pink and white checked curtains. The result is horrible.

Lucienne Day, one of our leading textile designers, has produced a new "doodle" pattern for curtain fabrics. It consists of geometrical shapes and squiggles in yellow and red on white cotton. Another design, by a different artist, has been nicknamed "lyrist's nightmare." It has comimus, fullstops and colors patterned in black on a white ground.



The new wedge-shaped chair in a tweed fabric comes from Heal's. Two or more chairs if placed together, form a semi-circular settee.

Dried Fruits Add Zest To Food

By ALICE DENHOFF

MAKE use of dried fruits to add zest and a party touch to everyday dishes.

It's a thrifty method of adding the heating fuel necessary to the winter fire to keep it burning.

Apricot Glaze

Apricot Glaze turns roast pork or ham into an elegant dish. To make the glaze, mix 1/2 cup apricot juice, 2 tablespoons grated onion, 2 tsp. Worcester sauce, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 dash pepper, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup lemon juice and 2 tbsps. cloves. Heat together stirring until sugar is dissolved in the mixture.

Pickled Prunes

Pickled Prunes Turn 1 lb. of boneless, skinless, fresh prunes into a delicious relish. To

make the marinade, mix 1/2 cup chopped green onions, 2 tbsp. butter, 1/2 cup cream and 1/2 cup sugar. Put over 2 cups cold cranberry sauce and 1/4 cup salt, pepper, 2 tbsps. brown sugar, cover pot with foil. Cook slowly, covered for 48 min.

Prunes with Sausage

Prunes are also good in this sausages dish. To serve 5, cook 2 tbsp. chopped green onions, 2 tbsp. butter, 1/2 cup cream and 1/2 cup sugar. Put over 2 cups cold cranberry sauce and 1/4 cup salt, pepper, 2 tbsps. brown sugar, cover pot with foil. Cook slowly, covered for 48 min.

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in the garment. Press seam with both sides facing in same direction. With a pair of scissors clip into seam at fullest part of curve.

To prevent ravelling, and to maintain full seam allowance, finish the raw edge in one of four ways:

One way, if the fabric is sturdy and not likely to fray, is to pin the seam. Fabrics that ravel easily require a more permanent type of finish: An overcast seam made with small, loose stitches is best.

When it comes to heavy, loosely woven fabrics, or an unlined jacket, bias binding is best. To apply, cover the seam edge with binding. Then pin

two inches in width. Baste and stitch bias facing, lapping the strips carefully so that thread of fabric is parallel. Press seam open, and trim extending corners. Apply binding, right side to the garment. Clip seam to width of quarter of an inch. Turn over to wrong side, and hem to machine-stitching on the inside.

Before actually tackling the job for the first time, unless one is a sewing whiz it is best to get in a bit of practice. Might cut the sleeve from an old dress and turn out a couple of bias-faced armhole seams before tackling the big job, for it is a tricky manoeuvre.

For a flat, neat armhole, finish technique is mastered, turning lengthwise. Turn diagonal to baste across armhole. Clip seam to width of quarter of an inch. Turn over to wrong side, and hem to machine-stitching on the inside.

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CALLERS ON NEGUIN

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WHY CHURCHILL (with a smile) TOLD ME 'YOU STARTED THE WAR . . .'



IAN COLVIN

Widely acclaimed has been an important book, "Nemesis of Power," by John Wheeler-Bennett (now official biographer of George VI), outlining with great scholarship the part played by the German Army in modern politics.

Dealing with Britain's historic decision to go to the aid of Poland Mr Wheeler-Bennett says: "... Mr Colvin will one day publish his own vivid account of his conversation of March 29, which made so important a contribution to the taking of vital decisions."

Today Mr Colvin, now Foreign Editor of the Sunday Express, London, accepts Germany's intended aggression against

A British reporter in Berlin before the war I maintained special contacts through men of the secret opposition with the German General Staff. Early in March 1939, immediately before the occupation of Prague, these men forecast an attempt to cut the Polish Corridor by the end of the month.

On March 26 I decided to fly to London. For I did not believe Sir Nevile Henderson, the British Ambassador, was forwarding the news as I knew it. And I was certain that Treasury influence in Downing Street was either suppressing or minimising bad news before it reached the Cabinet.

In London I called immediately on Mr Winston Churchill at his flat in Westminster Gardens. Mr Churchill at once emphasised that in speaking to Lord Halifax I should omit nothing.

At the Foreign Office the first people I saw were Mr Rex Leeper, head of the Foreign News Department, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, the Permanent Under-Secretary. They arranged for me to take tea with Lord Halifax.

Blockade

In the meantime I slipped across to the Treasury to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Sir John Simon joined the tips of his fingers. "Do you remember the last war, Colvin?" (It was 20.) "Well, no sir."

"Quite, quite. You understand my point. But how would you stop Germany today?"

"Blockade, sir."

"You know that that would mean war?"

"Yes, sir."

"Whatever decision is taken," said Sir John Simon, "you may be sure that there will be complete agreement between the Prime Minister, Lord Halifax, and myself."

From Sir John's office I was spirited through an underground passage that led from the Treasury to the Foreign Office. Ten time with Lord Halifax was at hand.

Lord Halifax invited me to sit beside him on a worn old leather couch. He seemed to be borne along on that day of March 29, 1939, by a lofty and resolute idea.

I outlined the tragic story of September 1938, when, in my opinion, more fumness from Britain would have led to the

by IAN COLVIN

overthrew of Hitler by his own General Staff.

I told him of the imminent threat to Poland. At once he took up the telephone.

"Prime Minister, please . . . I would like you to tell Mr Chamberlain what you have just told me."

With coat collars turned up, Lord Halifax and I hastened across Whitehall, and reached Mr Chamberlain's room in the House of Commons.

It is always an involuntary shock, on meeting a famous man, to see how like himself he looks.

Mr Neville Chamberlain was dressed in a black coat and pin-striped trousers, a wing collar and a thick knotted tie. A massive gold chain decorated his sombre waistcoat.

The threat

LORD DUNGLASS came into the dusty grey Gothic room. Sir Alexander Cadogan had unaccompanied us from the Foreign Office. There was a small, quiet, anonymous man there too, who occupied a significant position in the Intelligence Services.

I sat down and was asked to repeat my account of the situation in Germany, which I did as carefully as I could, emphasising again the imminent threat to the Polish Corridor and Danzig.

Mr Chamberlain stared his impersonal stare and plucked with finger and thumb at the loose skin of his neck.

"Tell the Prime Minister what you have just told me of the men in Germany who are against Hitler," said Lord Hall-

THE MYSTERY OF DEPOSIT 3013

DOES SHAW'S LAST PLAY PROVE THAT HE HAD LOST HIS TOUCH?

By J. P. W. MALLALIEU, MP

NEITHER the author nor his secretary had time to check the 16 pages of typescript which I examined the other day.

Here and there were small errors—two letters transposed or words in which the numeral key had come down instead of a letter. One sentence had a blank, waiting for the right word which, it was hoped, would come later.

It was the sort of crud typescript that you'd let much run out. Yet some things in it had been written with care. The set labour, for example had been typed "Author" and the word show "here" because the author is busy at a task.

The author was George Bernard Shaw and the typescript

is all that he left of the last play on which he worked.

A trace of rust on the front shows that the pages were once held together by a clip; but today the clip is no more. Instead there is a neat, well-guarded folder—for the typescript has become Deposit 3013 in the Manuscript Department of the British Museum.

I believe that scholars and laymen will argue about it for years to come.

The play is called "Why She Would Not"—a little comedy and the argument will be on whether Shaw in these 16 pages has told what she would not say. In fact the play is complete, or whether there was more, much more, to come.

He selects this "goes promptly"—and that is the whole of the 16 pages.

If that really is the end of the play it is proof that Shaw, not surprisingly at 84 years old, had lost his touch. Was he really writing about a girl who would marry a man because she disliked his boorish ways? Was his reply "Why She Would Not"? There is nothing new about it, often and nothing original about Shaw's treatment of it.

Further, to develop it in his five scenes he requires five different sets of scenery, seven working girls and five silent extras which anyone with Shaw's great knowledge of the theatre would know was absurdly expensive.

He selects this "I know he would have a crack in it at a minimum demands" instead of tonight's trial without pay just looking round the works "to do". If there is anything he can do. Despite the contemptuous objections of Uncle Jasper, Grandmother, drawn in Old English style, agrees.

In the next scene grandfather is dead, Bossborn has completely transformed the firm and has "trained" even Uncle Jasper to the new methods. He now starts on Seraphina, telling her that her beloved house has no drainage, is inconvenient and unsafe, and that she ought to let him build her a modern one.

She dismisses him furiously. He "goes promptly". But the next scene shows her installed in a modern house built to Bossborn's specifications. She complains that Bossborn seldom visits her nowadays. She says: "I know why that is. You are afraid that you will have to marry me. Set your mind at rest. I would never marry you."

We shall never know for certain. But then, with Shaw, we never did.

SOME TWIST

NO, I prefer to believe that Shaw was going on, that the scene where Seraphina announces her firm determination not to marry Bossborn and he exits "promptly" would be followed immediately by a scene set six years later where Seraphina is firmly married to Bossborn, has several children and is being methodically shown the way in every detail of domestic life by her efficient bore of a husband.

I prefer to believe, too, that in the end some issue, perhaps seemingly trivial, would arise on which all Seraphina's instincts would really stand firm, that when she likes would finally triumph over what her husband thinks sensible, that is other words, even at 84, Shaw still had it in him to provide some twist whose details I cannot possibly imagine.

We shall never know for certain. But then, with Shaw, we never did.

First Night Count Says 'Pardon Me'

By George Campbell

Rome. ITALY'S full-scale TV service was launched last week—under the watchful eye of the Pope.

There had been arguments between RAI, the Italian TV monopoly, and the Vatican about spicy bedroom scenes.

The Pope insisted that scenes of passion and love of pleasure poisoned family life.

Dr Aldo Passante, TV boss, replied: "Our shows for adults don't start before 9 p.m. All children should be in bed by 8 p.m."

Later he said: "Our shows will go on as we want them."

The Pope acted at once. He ordered special bureaus set up to watch that TV programmes do not offend moral taste.

TV is going to cost the Italian Government about £20,000,000 a year. For the first year it has been reckoned that there will be only 30,000 receiving sets, each paying £10 a year tax.

And now the Italian bishops have put priests on "TV guard" to report anything considered unsuitable.

Vatican plans go further. Roman Catholic groups all over the world are to be asked to co-ordinate their watch on TV—especially in the U.S.

Dr Passante said: "In Italy, TV has the delicate task of giving grown-ups the realistic stuff they want without offending the Vatican."

The Church says shows in which scantily dressed women appear harm the morals of children.

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THE HOLY MEN SAT ON SPIKES FOR AFTERNOON TEA

THE HILL OF DEVI. By E. M. Forster. Arnold, 15s. 176 pages.

WHAT frolics there were in the Indian State of Dewas Senior, where author E. M. Forster was secretary to the Maharajah.

There were games of patience with harem ladies

on the carpet of the Old Palace; some of the court chanting ancient hymns to the Ruler, while others massaged his calves; everybody banging in and out of everybody else's room, disregarding the sentries who were, in any case, all asleep, face downwards.

Religion played its part in the cheerfulness. Sacred feasts had a ribald tinge. All Fools' Day was plausibly observed. And down on the river bank holy men by the dozen sat on spikes entertaining one another to tea. "My dear chap, I ask you!" exclaimed a shocked Moslem visitor (Dewas Senior being a Hindu state).

Sometimes the holy men would descend in a body on the Palace, bless it and demand a hundred rupees each. Given one rupee, they would then curse the Palace and retire.

It was an idyllic existence although with its strange aspects for Forster who, as secretary to the Maharajah (known as Tukky), was in charge of gardens, tennis courts and garage.

Tukky ruled over the larger of the twin Dewas states (population 80,000), each of which had its palace, court, army (210 soldiers, 10 bands) and national anthem. With



They would demand a hundred rupees

by
George Malcolm
THOMSON

The ruler of Dewas Junior, a distant and suspect relative, he shared a coat of arms symbolising World Dominion. In addition to a secretary, he had a court buffoon, a spy in the pay of a powerful neighbouring prince.

The Maharajah was a mystic, given to trances, to philosophy, to alchemical speculation, e.g., "Where are Socrates and Plato? We do not know—yes, yes?" and to editing anecdotes like that of the holy man whose body, 50 days after death, could be heard humming, "Ram, ram." If you put your ear close to it.

Here and there a shadow fell across the bright scene: The New Palace was falling down as fast as it could be built; sparrows nested under the ceilings; squirrels ran about the corridors; two grand pianos, a harmonium and a dulcophone were all unplayable.

The Dowager Maharanee, Tukky's aunt, was a difficult, bizarre woman, believed to dance in men's clothes suspected of having tried to poison the Ruler. "Oh, blast!" he would cry, "her Dowager Highness again!" when her carriage rolled into the courtyard.

The inauguration of the new constitution, which granted only one right to the democracy of Dewas, that of raising Tukky's stipend, was a flop. The table decoration was ducks in a glass trough.

But, alas, the water was too cold. The guests took the ducks out and warned them in their serviettes.

Forster thinks Tukky was a genius, and perhaps a saint. The evidence is conflicting. His young wife left him after one of

PARADE

A COLUMN OF THE UNUSUAL ABOUT PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT Georges and Edmond Coppler were old regimental buddies—and that is a sacred relationship to Frenchmen.

So, when Georges' wife ran off with Edmond, they came to a gentleman's agreement. Edmond could have Aline so long as she never came home again or demanded any of her belongings.

But Aline wanted her jewels. She went home and got them while Georges was out. Edmond found out—and promptly sent her the jewels back.

Georges, however, didn't know his friend's honourable intentions. He opened fire.

Now Georges is in prison, Edmond in hospital. Aline spends her time taking both of them comforts.

MEXICAN ENTERPRISE Mexico City police were baffled by a theft last week:

Somebody stole a whole block of concrete sidewalk from the new suburb of Vila Ducto Piedad.

Then an alert constable had an idea. He searched some of the poverty-stricken homes in the rich neighbourhood. The housewives had stolen the sidewalk, chunk by chunk, to pave their floorless houses.

CO-OPERATION IN THE JUNGLE Wild boars in the Malayan village of Kampong Melayu Rate had been having a pretty thin time of it. Villagers were just too efficient at beating them off.

So the animals got together. More than 500 attacked the village in teams, tore up hundreds of acres of banana trees, tapioca and young rubber trees.

Nearby monkeys saw the show and joined in the pillage.

WAR OVER A NUDE A top Canberra, government official popped into the Institute of Anatomy's exhibition of New Guinea art—to

make sure all was in order for the Royal Visit.

He was shocked by a life-like carving of a nude New Guinean native. He ordered a grass skirt for it.

Then a leading anthropologist came by. He was equally horrified. No New Guinean native ever wore a skirt like the one bureaucracy had ordered.

The battle is still on—and the carving will probably be removed for the Queen's visit.

LEAKAGE Things have got so warm in Tibet that one of the world's highest lakes is likely to disappear.

Lake Ghourkund, 16,400 feet above sea level, has been kept in being as long as anyone can remember by a natural dam of rocks and ice.

Now the ice has melted, and the picture-like lake, 1,300 yards long and 300 yards wide, is half empty.

CONE TO HIS HEAD Printer Fesire Gruyere won £2,500 on the French National Lottery last week—and promptly landed in

handcuffs after he tried to smash up the printing shop where he worked.

Shrugged a policeman: "The money must have gone to his head."

PREFERRED Visitors who call **THE DARK** on Mr David Cartwright, in Froggatt Street, Bilston, are assured of many good stories about old Bilston. Mr Cartwright, retired lamp-lighter, lit his first lamp in 1904, his last 45 years later.

"Poles in those days," he says, "had a tube running through them, connecting a tiny paraffin burner at the top with a small rubber bulb at the other end. You turned on the gas with the pole, then pushed the burner through a small trap door at the base of the lamp. Then you squeezed the rubber bulb and blew the flames across the mantles."

His work brought him many friends and many rubbers from people who preferred to be left in the dark. "Those," he says, "were the courting couples. They used to offer me money to leave a lamp lit."

FOR USED BLADES After a general discussion on the difficulty of getting rid of used razor blades, the Head of the House of an Oxford College disclosed that he had been using for 25 years a method which was infallible.

He said: "I put my used blades in an empty matchbox which I leave on my desk. It is really astonishing the attraction for visitors a box of matches has in such circumstances."

FITNESS Spryest old man **RECIPE** amongst the ancient mariners at Henry Tudor's Home, a haven for Britain's old sailors, is James Hamlin, ninety years old next birthday.

He has earned the admiration of all the other old sea dogs with whom he loves to yarn yes, about ships and the sea.

How does he keep active? "Those new-fangled medicines!" he thunders. "Not likely."

Pink-cheeked old James every day walks two and a half miles to his favourite pub for a pint of beer—and then walks back in time for lunch. And that's what keeps him fit, he swear.

BULK LOSSES Bulk buying by Government cost Britain £45,000,000 in the year ending last March 31, according to official figures. And Government losses for the current year are expected to be substantial.

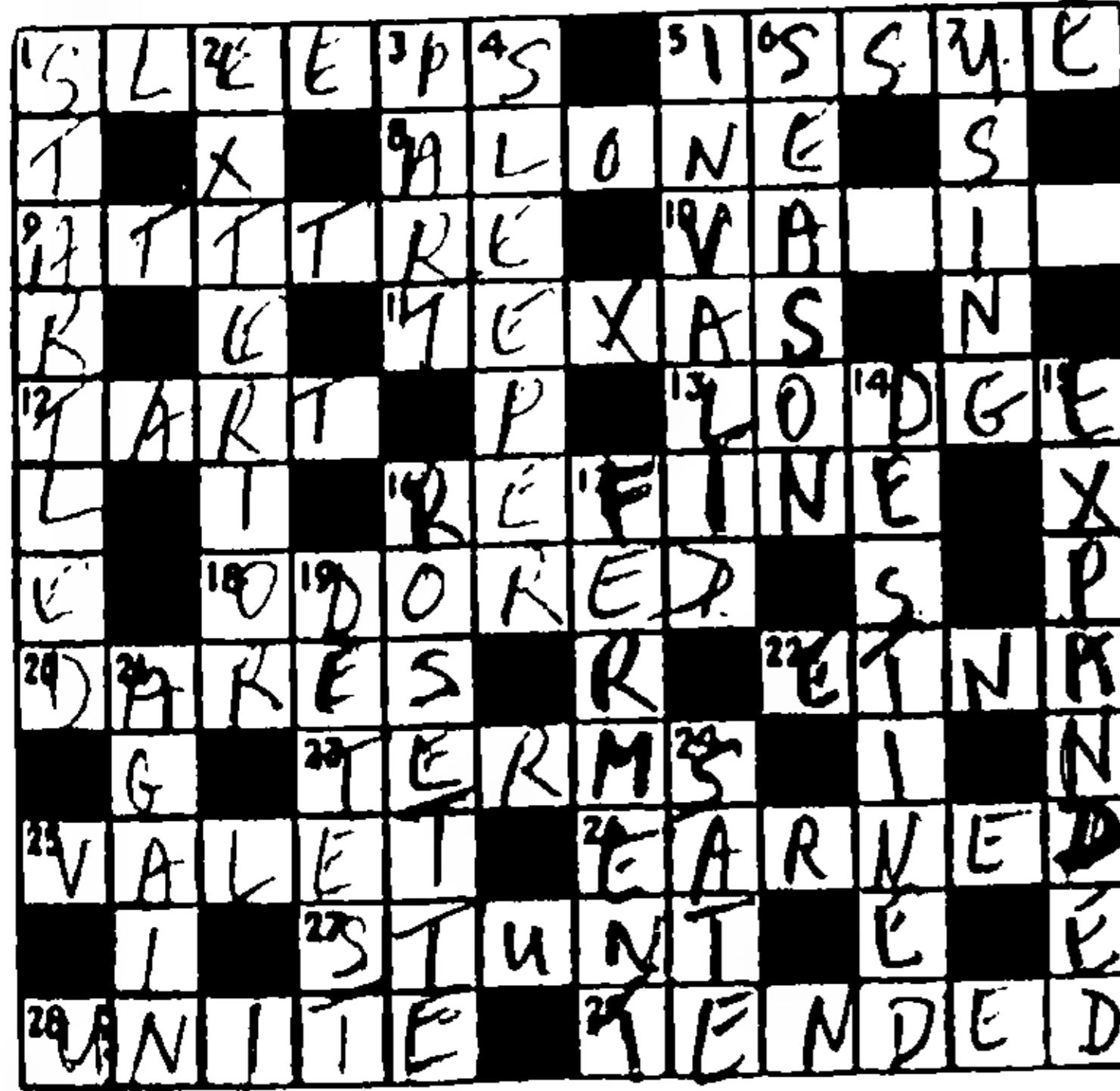
Why did the Government buyers do so badly?

They bought when world prices were high during the Korean war, got caught with big supplies when values later fell.

REINDEER AT THE WINDOW The Rev. John Babb, vicar of St Edmund's Church, Dudley, and his wife and two young daughters were the only family in the Midlands who looked out of their window and saw a reindeer at Christmas. For Mr Babb is the only vicar in Britain who lives in a zoo.

His 10-roomed vicarage is inside Dudley Zoo. And just behind the vicarage, Rudolph, the zoo's reindeer, grazes peacefully on a hill. The house was built nearly a century ago on land given to the church by the Earl of Dudley. The land is freehold and could not be taken over with the Castle grounds when the zoo was formed.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Slumbers (6).
- 5 Outcome (6).
- 8 Unaccompanied (5).
- 9 Garb (6).
- 10 Inspired (6).
- 11 One of the U.S.A. (6).
- 12 Sharp (4).
- 13 Reside temporarily (5).
- 14 Clarify (6).
- 15 Worshipped (6).
- 20 Valleys (5).
- 22 Voiced (4).
- 23 Expressions (5)
- 24 Muniversity (5).
- 26 Merited (6).
- 27 Dwarfed (6).
- 28 John (5).
- 29 Nursed (6).

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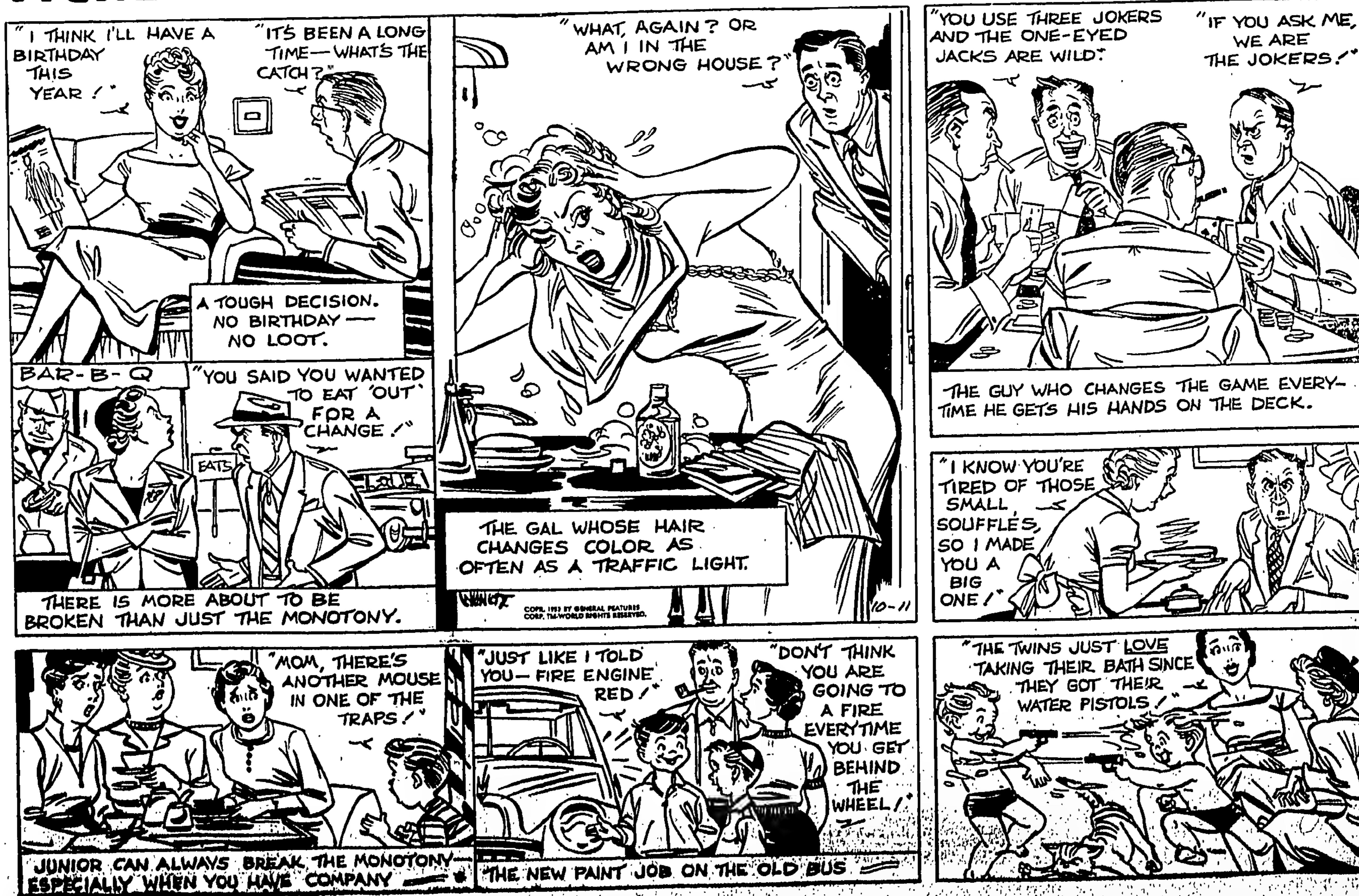
- 1 Alarmed (6).
- 2 Outer (8).
- 3 Portion (4).
- 4 Railway compartment (7).
- 5 Sick person (7).
- 6 Period (6).
- 7 Employing (5).
- 14 Fated (8).
- 15 Swelled (8).
- 16 Bunch of ribbons (7).
- 17 Turned (7).
- 19 Loathe (6).
- 21 Once more (5).
- 23 Surfet (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Dado, 7 Greed, 8 Bolt, 9 Pure, 10 Control, 12 Yawn, 15 Outlets, 18 Grid, 19 Talon, 21 Alien, 22 Pale, 23 Still, 26 Myth, 28 Relaxes, 30 Aped, 31 Fuss, 32 Decay, 33 Hide. Down: 1 Prior, 2 Restore, 4 Adult, 5 Obey, 6 Sleev, 8 Post, 10 Ruins, 13 Able, 14 None, 16 Staff, 17 Calm, 18 Gist, 20 Allied, 22 Plod, 24 Trend, 26 Demon, 27 Your, 28 Hash.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Breaking The Monotony

BY HARRY WEINERT



THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



CHINA AND UNITED STATES MEET TOMORROW IN CHARITY EXHIBITION GAME

China and the United States, considered by many as the two strongest teams in the International Series, are matched in the feature Charity Exhibition programme tomorrow in aid of the Shumshuiho Fire Fund, commencing at 2 p.m. at King's Park, and if the Chinese ball-players can find the speed, precision and ideas, they are given a good chance of beating the Americans, drawn largely from the USS Orca team.

China will have to show more team spirit if they are to make much progress against the United States. I find it difficult to understand why Mark Kwong, C. C. Lee and Chey Tsol could not solve their problem in the final selection of the All-Star Chinese squad, and even at the time of writing, the full-strength Chinese side could not be ascertained.

Based on consistent League performances my selection of the Chinese All-Stars to meet the United States is as follows: Pitcher Jackie Wei (Pandas); Catcher — Raymond Tsao (Orca); 1st baseman — C. M. Tsang (CABA); 2nd baseman — K. T. Leung (CAA); 3rd baseman — Willie Woo (Pandas); Shortstop — Wally Ma (Pandas); Left-fielder — Y. S. Lang (Pandas); Centre-fielder — S. Hsu (Pandas); Right-fielder — Lee Poon-hong (CAA); Left-fielder — Lam Leung-ping (CAA).

Pitcher Jackie Wei has reserved his strength for a good display tomorrow to ensure China a victory and if the Chinese ball-players show persistence, enthusiasm and team spirit, a win for them is most likely.

IN PEAK FORM

There can be no doubt that the Orca ball-players are currently in peak form, I am positive that the slugging trio of Bill Stell, Bill Williams and Ray Willingham will have an answer to pitch the USA's fast balls and another grand display is expected of them.

The China USA clash which promises to be full of excitement, will also see several of the American representatives in action in addition to the Orca players. The Yanks' leading softballers are Jack Bowdell, Claude Pugh, Armstrong and Henderson.

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SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

This Goalkeepers' Protection Racket

By I. M. MacTAVISH

During last season I had a long talk with a well-known international centre-forward on the subject of, what he liked to call, "This Goalkeepers' Protection Racket". He meant by this the reluctance of referees to permit forwards to apply the shoulder charge to the goalkeeper and he was of the opinion that many legitimate goals had been chalked off by timid referees who offered the goalkeeper protection beyond that laid down in an intelligent interpretation of the rules of the game.

The strange thing about this controversial point is that most goalkeepers do not want, nor do they require, excessive protection. The most famous example of this in recent years happened at Cardiff a couple of seasons ago when iron-helmeted Trevor Ford crashed Jimmy Cowan, the Scottish international keeper, to the ground with a tremendous shoulder charge.

Sections of the national press came out in virulent criticism of Ford and his act, but the bottom was knocked out of their attack when it was reported that Cowan, after reading the reports, had written to Ford telling him that he considered the charge had been absolutely fair and within the laws of the game.

He told Ford that as a goalkeeper he never resented a fair shoulder charge and he knew that other top-class keepers felt the same way about it. He pointed out, however, that what goalkeepers were concerned about was the inconsistency of the charging rule. It is only a couple of weeks ago since I criticised the poor state management of our bigger games, and apart from the benefit that the athletes would derive from the current suggestion, there is no doubt that the soccer thousands would welcome the idea with some enthusiasm.

This move must be carried still further to embrace the long dull waiting period before the games get started.

Once again I suggest to the HKFA that for the series against the Danish tourists they should give serious consideration to the provision of some suitable pre-match entertainment.

Last week-end at Caroline Hill we had a perfect example of the referee disallowing a goal after the goalkeeper had been shouldered into the net in possession of the ball. This incident probably cost the Colleens a point.

The player concerned, and his team, very rightly felt aggrieved, for if ever there was a legitimate goal scored in this fashion it was this one. But the important thing is that this was the third time this season that it had happened here... and in my opinion, and in the opinion of those whose judgment I value highly, every one of these should have been classified as legitimate goals, but in fact not one was allowed to count.

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Here is something the Referees' Committee should take up and discuss exhaustively. If we are going to see our local goalkeepers wrapped in cotton wool and protected unnecessarily at every turn, the game of football will lose much of its attraction.

I agree that rough play and doubtful tackling must be stamped out, but let us be sensible about it and let our local officials apply the rules as they were intended to be applied.

NOT APPROVED

The recent decision of the Inter-territory Committee of the HKFPA to give the first game of the forthcoming series against the KMB at Caroline Hill on Saturday is a powerful outfit and unless they have a real off-day they look good enough to overcome the Tigers. Hornbill, who has long been a pillar of strength in the Sing Tao side, has now lost that vital yard of pace and he is being beaten on the turn by fast forwards—just such forwards as KMB possess.

In this matter I have had the opportunity to stand on the sidelines and hear the different arguments for and against the new arrangement of the fixtures. Whatever the weight of argument on both sides there seems to me to be one dominating theme that must be given due consideration in the argument.

CIAA are not finding the going too easy but they should be good enough to beat St. Joseph's who are having an even tougher time. Davy in the Saint's goal may prove to be the main stumbling block to the Athletic but I feel that even the gallant soldier will be unable to save the boys in green.

Over at Boundary Street there will be a real clash of men-in-blue. This meeting of Poloco and Navy should produce

MILE WINNER



Pte. Thompson of the Welch Regiment winning the Mile Run at the HKAAA open meeting at Boundary Street last Sunday from Gnr. Aden, the Colony Cross Country Champion.—China Mail Photo.

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Lt. Agar (Navy)	5	0	86	162	30.4
L. J. Stanton (Scorpions)	10	2	91	222	29
L. G. Gosano (Recreo)	9	1	79*	220	28.2
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	10	0	99	280	28
A. T. Lee (KCC)	10	3	67*	189	27
B. M. Macpherson (Optimists)	7	0	59	186	26.0
P. V. Dodge (KCC)	11	0	88	290	26.4
P. Wood (KCC)	11	1	54*	250	25.0
Sgt. Comm. Pearson (Navy)	8	1	58*	176	25.1
J. C. Koh (IRC)	10	1	78	207	23
LAC Armstrong (RAF)	10	2	75	165	20.6
B. Dhabher (CCC)	9	1	39	163	20.4
Cpt. West (RAF)	11	0	70	210	19.1
L. D. Kilbey (Optimists)	10	1	40	172	19.1
S. E. M. Bux (IRC)	10	0	52	188	18.8
K. Y. Tam (CCC)	12	0	35	210	17.5
L. Sadler (Navy)	10	0	73	161	16.1
H. P. Mudar (CCC)	12	0	35	187	15.6

BOWLING

(Qualification—15 wickets)

	O. M.	R.	W.	Average
Cpl. Dowling (Army)	94.5	18	203	47
K. G. Spink (Optimists)	87.3	21	248	34
Ldg. Sig. Sims (Navy)	43.1	11	105	17
G. N. Gosano (Recreo)	100.2	10	421	39
D. L. Leach (Scorpions)	49.4	6	209	11
A. P. Pereira (Recreo)	87.7	14	200	12.1
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	70.2	14	241	19
G. A. Souza (CCC)	65.2	11	202	15
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	57.3	11	370	26
F/Sgt. Horsham (RAF)	77.5	2	410	28
AB Shorts (Navy)	65.5	5	202	17
B. Carmell (KCC)	73.0	4	301	18
J. C. Koh (KCC)	77.4	8	390	22
E. P. Lee (KCC)	67	4	320	18
Stappard (RAF)	82	14	282	15
S. M. Teh (HKU)	98.1	10	447	10

Boussac Plans For Next Year Are Optimistic

Recent entries for races to be run in England in 1964 and 1955 make it clear that French owner M. Marcel Boussac has been in no way deterred by his lack of success in the past two seasons.

They are all by his own stallions, and we find Djebel, Arbar, Caracalla II, Galador, Marsyas II, Courtois, and Whirlaway represented.

Most of the important French breeders continue to have an eye on our more valuable prizes, but the indications are that we shall continue to hold our own.

NO BETTER

There was no suggestion in the running of this year's two-year-olds that they are any better than in 1952. In that case we should not have much difficulty in holding them at bay.

It is of interest to note that some French breeders have sent their mares to English stallions. We find Precipitation, Signal Light, The Bug, Airborne, Court Martial, Fair Copy, Persian Gulf and Nearco represented.

It is worth noting, too, that Le Geographe, winner of the Grand Criterium and rated about the best of the 1953 French two-year-olds is a son of Owen Tudor. The pendulum seems to have swung the other way.

—London Express Service

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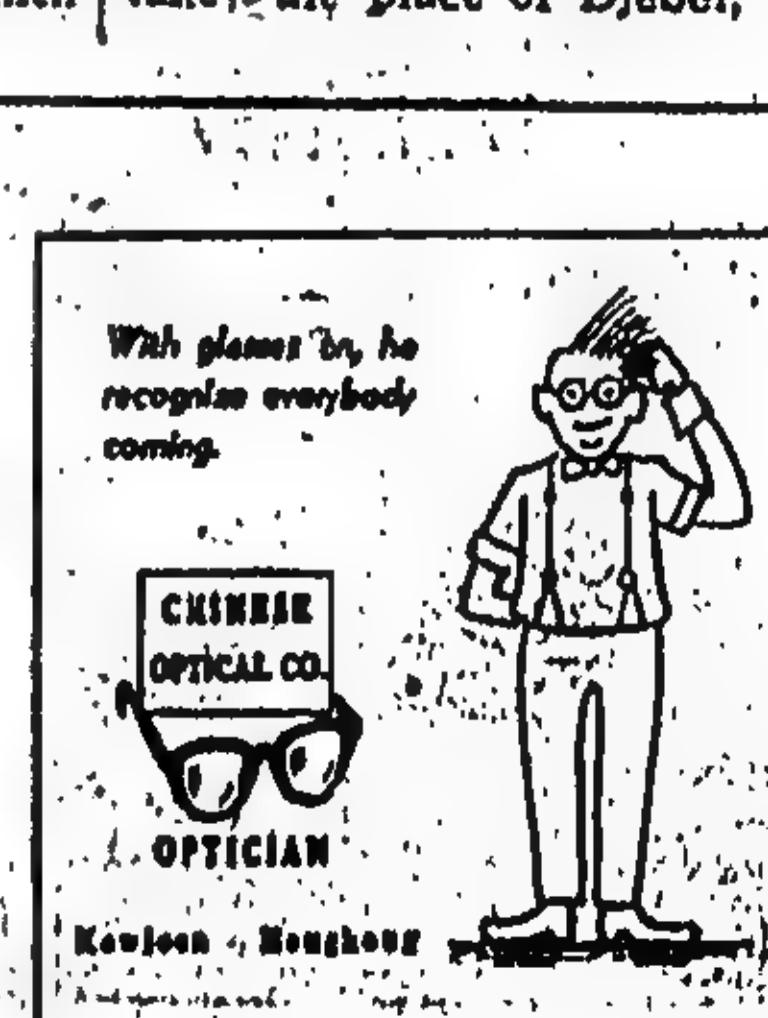
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LEAGUE CRICKET

CHATER ROAD MATCH THE BEST OF THIS AFTERNOON'S PROGRAMME

By "THE ZOMBIE"

The Scorpions and Optimists take top billing in this afternoon's Cricket League matches as they clash against each other in the Senior Division.

The games between these two HKCC teams have always been played in a spirit of the keenest rivalry and have invariably produced some excellent cricket. In their first round match this season, which resulted in a draw, no fewer than 417 runs were scored in one afternoon, a record not beaten this season.

Added interest will be shown as a result of Army's defeat last weekend at the hands of the Scorpions, who are only run for Championship honours.

four points behind Army, stand a better chance of overtaking the soldiers, but it will not surprise me if they lose today.

Last season, with the League standing in an almost identical position, the Optimists nearly upset the Scorpions' apparent by defeating them towards the end of the season.

Both teams are now well up to form and a close game is expected with the odds in favour of the Scorpions, especially if they take second lease of the wicket.

The Scorpions are a better all-round side, and the Optimists have not only to show exceptional form in batting and bowling but also in fielding, at which they are greatly handicapped, if they are to upset the Scorpions.

League-leading Army will be guests of the Indian Recreation Club and will be confronted with the task of avoiding a draw. So far only the Army and the Scorpions have managed to force decisive wins over the Indians.

A draw will cut Army's lead to only one point over the Scorpions, should the latter take full points from the Optimists.

Much will depend on the performance of the Army attack and especially Dowling.

An average score of about 150 runs by the Indians will place them in a good position to produce an upset as the Army batsmen will undoubtedly go for the runs even with their inconsistent and unreliable batting side.

I still thought he had a faint chance in a mile nursery at Newbury and he was my selection. But I was not prepared for the manner in which that victory was gained.

There was one animal in the race who did not look like winning a quarter of a mile from the finish it was Prescription. I should say he was not in the first 10 at that point and something like 10 lengths behind the leaders.

He was taken to the outside with not much more than a furlong to go. From that point nothing else seemed to be galloping. Prescription just mowed them down, made up the leeway and went on to win by three lengths. And he was still in the full length of his stride at the winning post.

SENTIMENT

Prescription may lack a touch of class but on the Newbury display he should get any distance in reason. He is not a home-bred one like most of the horses to carry Lord Rosebery's colours. The colt was picked up for 1,500 guineas at Doncaster as a yearling and I feel sure sentiment had something to do with it.

If there is one thing Prescription looks like doing, it is making a stayer. And at that he has a long way to go before he can be placed near the top class. He had no more than 7st. 10lb. in the Free Handicap.

I saw Lord Rosebery's colt at his best on only one occasion. That was when he won at Newbury. His first success was in a mile nursery at Ayr when he was set moderate task.

TOOK THIRD PLACE

One who saw him win that day told me I need not look any further for the winner of a similar race at Newmarket's Second October meeting. Others thought so too, and Prescription

—(London Express Service)

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division

Army v. I.R.C.
KCC v. Recreio.
University v. Navy.
RAF v. CCC.
Optimists v. Scorpions.

Second Division

JRC v. Army.
KCC v. Recreio.
Navy v. University.
DBS v. Navy.

TOMORROW

Friendly Match
HKCC Occasionals v. 72 LAA
Regt. RA.

Second Division

KGV v. Police.

CONCENTRATION



Concentration and force displayed by Paul Luxton, 18, of Slough, competing in the boys' singles at the All-England Junior Badminton Championships at the Wimbledon Club.—Central Press Photo.

A CHAPMAN PINCHER Investigation

OXYGEN? "IT'S PURE
PSYCHOLOGY"

Say THE DOCTORS

Doctors who tested the effects of giving oxygen to runners before athletic events are convinced that if it has any benefits they are purely psychological.

The body has no means of storing oxygen. So its effects cease almost as soon as the oxygen mask is removed.

This was proved by recent experiments in which doctors measured the heart rate and blood pressure of athletes running on a motor-driven treadmill. They also measured the amount of acid which collected in the runners' muscles during the exercise and fatigued them.

They found that giving oxygen five minutes before the race had no effect on the results. The athletes could run as far and as fast after breathing ordinary air.

Would breathing oxygen during the interval of a football match help to eliminate the fatigue caused by the first half's play?

FOOLED THEM

Again the doctors say no. They tested this in their treadmill experiments by giving oxygen for five minutes after the athletes had finished running. It did not speed their rate of recovery.

When the doctors fooled the athletes by giving them ordinary air from bottles marked "oxygen," they ran just as well as when given real oxygen.

But untrained runners did better when they thought they were getting an oxygen boost.

This suggests that amateur footballers who do not get much time for training might derive some psychological benefit.

—(London Express Service)

TODAY'S RUGGER

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon's rugger takes place on the Club ground at Happy Valley. There are three games scheduled to be played, the first being a Club "B" fixture when they take on the A.A. Workshop REME, the second between the Rest of the Colony and the Rest of the Services.

Most interesting is the third between K.C. Johnson's XV and Commander British Forces XV at 4:15 p.m. The first game kicks off at 2:00 p.m. and the second at 3:15 p.m. All the games should provide some good rugger.

In the first game the A.A. Workshop will be out for revenge as they were whacked 25-3 by Club "B" last time they played each other. Russell has picked a strong "B" team for this game both in the forward and back lines, and the A.A. Workshop will be lucky if they are able to avoid a defeat.

The "B" pack still has a few weaknesses mainly in the lineout, where a little jumping will improve their play and give their backs a good chance to get away.

Club "B" should win the greater percentage of the set scrums, and provided their three-quarter line watches its passing they should score quite a lot. The Workshop team, which is still trying to settle down, can defeat Club "B" if they mark their men in the lineout, and tackle hard and low, and if they move faster in the loose than last time.

The second game, which kicks off at 3:00 p.m. should also be very interesting as the teams are much of a mismatch and the winners' laurels could go to either one or the other, but the Rest of the Colony have on paper the slightly stronger side, and if they tackle a bit harder than usual they should win.

Some of the Colony's threes' passing has been weak of late and this could jeopardise their chances if the Services loose forwards do their job properly. This should prove a good game, but should not have the excitement of the final one.

PLENTY OF THRILLS

The second senior game should provide plenty of thrills as both fifteenes are the strongest the selectors could provide. The Commander British Forces XV (hereafter CBE XV) has the stronger looking pack and Eve, as hooker, again faces Owen. Eve should win the greater share of the ball from the set scrums.

However this advantage should be evened up in the lineouts where Johnson's XV have Wilkins, the England player, who shone in this department last Saturday.

Behind the packs are two good lines of threes but Johnson's XV have the slightly better set in my opinion, and given the chance they should get, should be able to score.

The CBF XV has the better loose forwards, however, and they could easily upset their opposing threes, and thus indirectly give their own three-quarter line a chance to show their worth.

With McNiven and Payne on the wings and Turville and Davis as centres this could be a very dangerous combination and McNiven will need to be well marked as he has been playing very well of late, and it takes a good hard tackle to stop him.

This should be a very even game with Johnson's XV having a slight advantage, which should be sufficient to see them leave the field the victors.

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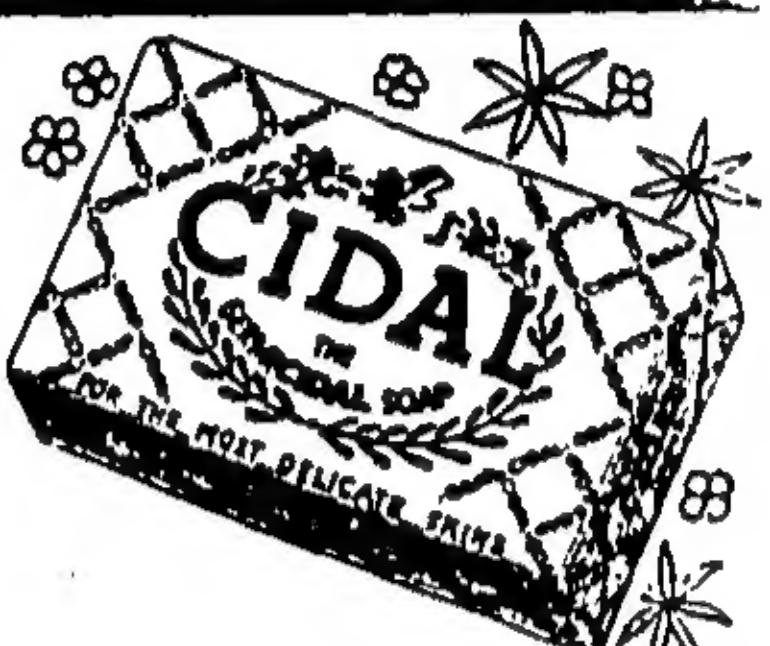


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THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 11:30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12:00 Noon each day. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1:30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10 a.m. each day.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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The cost of a Through Ticket is \$60.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday 22nd January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 30th January, 1954, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 10 a.m. on the First and Second days of the meeting.

The sale of these tickets will close at 4 p.m. at 382, Nathan Road, at 6 p.m. at 5, D'Aguilar Street and at 6 p.m. at the office in Queen's Building on Friday 29th January, 1954.

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By Order,
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By Order,
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Corn First Grew From Wild Grass

By IDA SMITH

MANY thousands of years ago a little grass plant grew in the tropical regions of the Americas. It belonged to the family Gramineae, which included all the different species of grasses. The wind pollinated the grasses and helped to scatter their seeds. Many of these seeds grew curious gadgets to aid in their distribution.

Sometime in the dim ages, humans learned that one particular kind of grass produced seeds that were better to eat than the others. They began to cultivate it, and it grew larger seeds.

CORN BEGINS

NO one knows when or how the change took place—but the little grass species, Zea Zeta Mays, finally grew with its rows of seeds all together on one stalk and became corn. The Indians called it maize.

For many thousands of years the people of the Americas, especially in the tropical areas, grew corn. They watched the wind pollinate it, and they learned how to do it themselves. By cross-pollinating the best of their corn they were able to improve it greatly.

CREW IN COLOURS

DURING that time, long before white people went to the Americas, the Indians learned how to grow corn in beautiful colours. Some ears were blue, some red, and some black, in addition to the more common yellow and white colours.

Agriculturists believe that

SIX DIFFERENT TYPES

THERE are six main types of corn. The flour corn grows only in warm climates. Flint corn will

grow in cooler climates. Dent corn comprises most of the world's corn crop. Sweet corn we cook while it is green. Popcorn is very hard-shelled and pops open when heated. Pod corn grows with each kernel in a husk of its own.

Today corn is one of the six true cereals of the world. The others are wheat, oats, barley, rice, and rye.

OLDEST CEREAL

Corn is harvested both by hand and by machine. Then the husks are removed and it is stored in ventilated corn cribs.

FED TO LIVESTOCK

MOST of the corn in the United States is fed to livestock. It is also used in numerous ways for human food, and has many other commercial uses—more than any other kind of grain. The husks and stalks are used commercially; and over a million tons of cobs are used annually to make a large variety of products such as soi fertilizers, important chemicals, and even nylon.

Today, corn is grown all over the world, the United States producing better than half of the world's crop. It is rotated with alfalfa, clover, wheat, oats, etc.

How the early Indian corn evolved from the little wild grass plant is one of the botanical mysteries. But its various species have given immeasurable service to man in return for his centuries of care.

WINDWHIRL

1. Peel the wrapper from a medium sized TIN CAN

PAPER CUT WINGS OF CAN

REVERSE OF CAN

FROM HEAVY ALUMINUM FOIL.

RIGHT ON CAN.

3 NEW HOLES

GLUEAN

EMPTY THREAD SPOOL INSIDE CAN AND

CAN AND GLUE WITH ROSEWOOD CEMENT OVER HOLE.

3 NAIL AROUND STICK ABOUT 12 IN. LONG TO A BOARD ABOUT 3 INCHES SQUARE.

4. Bend wings like this... and put them around the can.

PUT NAIL THROUGH HOLE

FIT HOLES IN WINGS OVER HOLE IN CAN...

5. Put a large NAIL through holes and pound it into stick.

NAIL IT TO A FENCE POST AND WATCH IT WHIRL IN THE WIND!

Puzzles To Make You Think

Triangle

The puzzle expert has hung his triangle on WITWORK. The second word is "patterns of perfection"; third "to pester"; fourth "a stinging insect"; fifth "a chemical suffix"; and sixth an abbreviation for "right side." Complete the triangle.

WITWORK

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K

Crossword

After rearranging the letters in each row to form a good word, mix them around until the square reads the same down as across:

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O	E	R	S
O	E	R	S
O	O	L	S

ACROSS

- 1 Torrid
- 4 Folding bed
- 7 At all times
- 9 Minute skin opening
- 10 Interpret
- 11 On the sheltered side
- 12 Correlative of either
- 13 Blemish
- 15 Proposition
- 16 Social insect
- 17 While
- 19 Country hotel
- 20 "Smallest State" (ab.)
- 22 Bridge
- 24 Exude
- 26 Cooking utensils
- 27 Demolish
- 28 Female saint (ab.)
- 29 Beverage

DOWN

- 1 Demigod
- 2 Above
- 3 Scatter, as hay
- 4 Mountain pass
- 5 Mountain (comb. form)
- 6 Year between 12 and 20
- 8 Stays
- 9 Business associate
- 14 Girl's name
- 17 Vipers
- 18 Smudge
- 20 Get up
- 21 Genus of willows
- 23 Dined
- 25 Entangle

Word Square

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U.S. Atomic Missiles For W. Germany TWO SQUADRONS TO BE SENT LATER THIS YEAR

The United States Air Force will strengthen NATO defences in Germany this year by sending two squadrons of pilotless bombers capable of carrying atomic warheads.

This was announced by the U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington yesterday.

Up till now NATO has had to rely on atomic-bomb carrying jet bombers based in England as the main counter-attacking force against any attack.

Pro-Moslem Brotherhood Demonstration

Khartoum, Jan. 15. Police here today dispersed a protest demonstration by 400 people against yesterday's banning in Egypt of the 2,000,000-strong Moslem Brotherhood.

The demonstrators ignored police orders to disperse.

Three who were injured in the police charge were admitted to hospital. Others suffered minor injuries.

Police announced tonight they had made seven arrests.

The demonstrators, led by Khartoum University students, rallied at the Khamtoun Mosque where hundreds were praying.

Then shouting slogans like "long live the Moslem Brothers" and "the Moslem Brothers' enemies are our enemies too," they marched to the Egyptian quarter.

They demonstrated outside the Egyptian economic mission and the Egyptian secondary school and were making for the Egyptian Army barracks when police checked them and told them to disperse.—Reuter.

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An idea that has been discussed for some years has come to fruition. The principal newspapers of the Colony, at a meeting in the board room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., on Thursday, decided to set up the Newspaper Society of Hongkong.

Those present at the meeting were: The China Mail (Mr. S. A. Gray, Editor), Hongkong Tiger Standard (Mr. Leslie Sung, Editor), Kung Shueung Daily News (Mr. Hu Che Wu, Managing Director), Kung Shueung Evening News (Mr. Poon Yancheng, Secretary), The Industrial & Commercial Daily Press Ltd.), Sing Tao, Yat Po and Sing Tao Man Po (Mr. Ka Nar-fu, Editor), South China Morning Post, Ltd. (Mr. F. P. Franklin, Managing Director), South China Morning Post (Mr. Henry Ching, OBE, JP, Editor), South China Sunday Post-Herald (Mr. R.A.E. Watson), Wah Kiu Yat Po (Mr. Sum Wai Yau, Managing Director), Wah Kiu Man Po (Mr. Alfred Ho, Secretary). Mr. W. A. Grinham was elected Secretary to the meeting.

The arrangements at present envisaged provide that the aid will be given in the usual form of American offshore procurement orders for British aircraft to be delivered to the Royal Air Force.

The current United States budget already provides \$90,000,000 for the RAF in the form of an outright grant. This sum is considered insufficient to provide the new equipment needed by the RAF.

It is presumed here that most of the \$252,000,000 would be spent on Gloster Javelin and Hawker Hunter fighters, the only two British military aircraft so far tested and approved by American procurement officers.—Reuter.

The affairs of the Society will be managed by a Council. A sub-committee has been appointed to complete the rules. The Hon. Secretary of the Society is Mr. W. A. Grinham, of the South China Morning Post, Ltd.

Other officers will be elected when the rules are finally approved.

Madras, Jan. 15. The Commonwealth touring cricket team scored 189 runs for 8 wickets on the third day of the fourth "Test" against India today.—France Presse.

Special Security Precautions

Nairobi, Jan. 15.

Special security precautions were enforced today to guard the British Secretary of State for War, Mr. Anthony Head, and six members of Parliament touring the anti-Mau Mau front-line in Kenya.

General Sir George Erskine's Headquarters denied earlier reports of an ambush threat, but said that precautions were being taken to safeguard the party.—Reuter.

The previous match between the sides was drawn.—Reuter.

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Stollmeyer, 60 and Holt, 76

Second Wicket Stand Of 134 By West Indies

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 15. A second wicket stand of 134 by Jeff Stollmeyer and John Holt enabled the West Indies to end the opening day's play in the first Test against England with a score of 168 for two wickets.

At the close Holt was not out 70 after a polished display and Everton Weekes 21 not out. Stollmeyer was leg-before to Statham when he had made 60 and the total 140. The West Indians lost their first wicket — that of Frederick — at six.

Len Hutton made many bowling changes to break up the second wicket stand but the bowlers faced a difficult task in trying to extract assistance from the highly polished surface in the fierce tropical heat.

The pitch was appreciably slower than when the MCC met Jamaica in their first match on the same ground two weeks ago.

Stollmeyer showed his customary strength on the onus and took two fours off Statham, but after lunch Trueman found the edge of his bat twice in one over, with the ball, however, each time travelling along the ground to slip.

Everton Weekes, the next batsman, knew little about the first ball and, not knowing where it went, was nearly run out when Holt called for a run. But he soon began scoring and made 21 before the close.

Stollmeyer was an elegant as ever during his innings but was generally left down by the accurate attack. He batted four hours and a quarter and hit six fours in his 60.

Trueman, who had been left out by Holt from the first 51 in an hour and 48 minutes, a section of the crowd booed when Trueman made Stollmeyer duck hurriedly to a bumper.

ENDURANCE TEST

With the bowlers trying to keep down the runs and the batsmen avoiding unnecessary strokes the innings became a test of endurance.

The 100 went up in three hours and by tea the West Indians were 114 for one the result of three and a half hours' play. Both batsmen were then 54.

Trueman at slip might have caught Stollmeyer off Lock at 84. Stollmeyer, then 48, failed to get to the pitch of the ball in trying to work a hard chance below knee height.

The West Indians captain hit six fours in completing 50 out of 80.

Lock and Bailey bowled to defensive fields, and when Bailey beat and just missed bowling Holt it was only the third time during the innings that the ball had passed the bat.

5 RUNS IN 20 MINUTES

Only five runs were scored in the first 20 minutes after tea.

NATAL, 237 FOR 9 WKTS. AGAINST NZ

Pietermaritzburg, Jan. 15. Natal made 237 runs for nine wickets here on the opening day of their return match with the New Zealand cricket tourists.

Trevor Goddard, their 23 all out 10th wicket, was undefeated with 78 made in three and a half hours. Earlier, John Reid had taken three Natal wickets for five runs in three overs. He finished the day with five for 48.

Five South African Test players in the Natal side—Jack McClellan, John Watkins, Hendley Keith, Roy McLean and Hugh Tayfield—made only 39 between them.

Erik Dempster, who took three for 34 with his spinners gave his best bowling performance of the tour.

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB

The upstairs lounge of the Clubhouse will be closed from 8 p.m., this evening for a Rugby Section Party.

The Committee regret the late hour of this notification.

By order of the Committee.

L. G. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Thirty-Fifth Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, 10, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 30th day of January, 1954, at 2.30 p.m.

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